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Parents confused, Brussels baffled

crisis-manage its way through the end to the beef ban. But immedi- fears about baby milk by refusing beef and baby milk dilemmas. In ately after using his veto, one min-requests for information merely Brussels, British ministers blocked ister suggested the ban could last made the situation worse. These initiatives they had badly wanted "four, five or six years". The con- were not Whitehall's finest hours.

Events overwhelmed the Govern- to see go through. Why? Because fusion was mirrored in London, ment yesterday as it struggled to they were trying to force a quick where an attempt to stifle public

SARAH HELM

British ministers went to Brussels vesterday to carry through John Major's policy of non-cooperation with European partners and found themselves resolutely applying the veto to measures for which they had campaigned.

The ironies implicit in this British retaliation for the beef ban could not have been lost on Roger Freeman, Minister for Public Services, and Baroness Chalker, Minister for Development, blocked proposals on verything from co-ordinating aid to the Third World to free trade with Mexico. The war in

Europe had started. But by midday, the ministers were beating a humiliating retreat. Mr Freeman emerged to say that victory was nowhere in ight. Britain could be bogged down in the quaemire of the beef war for "four, five or six years", he declared.

have only limited effect, he a "framework" programme of

Furthermore, Mr Freeman vas forced to admit that he had shot himself in the foot by blocking decisions for which Britain has campaigned for years. Simelifying European Union legis. lation has long been a British objective, but vesterday Mr Freeman sacrificed proposals to cut back on red tape for the sake of the battle for beef.

No to helping travellers who need emergency

No agreement on co-ordinating aid to the Third-

ous war - that much is clear from the Brussels front line. Yesterday the aims appeared confused, the strategy ill-advised, and the troops demor-

alised and badly-led. For instance, Mr Freeman's comments appear to contradict the Government's previous statements; that the total ban can be lifted within weeks, or as His disruptive tactics would soon as agreement is reached on form Encephalopathy from the national herd. The Prime Minister has indicated that such a framework should be agreed before the Florence summit in

> three weeks time. But asked yesterday whether the eradication of BSE would take months or years, Mr Freeman replied:"It is clearly not months. Because of the gesta-

Britain is not having a glori- tion period it could be in the order of four, five or six years. It is not possible to forecast when

the UK is entirely BSE free." Yesterday's campaign of disruption at the Council of Ministers focused on two council meetings: development - which deals largely with aid to poor countries, and the internal market, which aims to implement a

on the agendas of both meetings were uncontroversial previously supported. For months Whitehall officials and the UK representatives in Brussels have toiled to finalise details and hammer out compromises, ready for their

ministers to agree. But yesterday, where unanimity was required, the ministers had been instructed to block. Lady Chalker blocked a long-

passports get assistance from any EU NO backing for plans to help-small business embassy.

No agreement on co-crolling and participants of the single incoming the amount of new No in studying the environmental impact of EU aid.

standing plan which would pave the way for liberalising trade be-tween the EU and Mexico. The proposal has, to date, been fully backed by the British Gov-

Lady Chalker also blocked measures intended to target European aid to Third World countries more effectively and efficiently. Efforts to channel funds directly to victims of Aids could be delayed, as will studies on the effects of aid-spend-

Mr Freeman, meanwhile, blocked long-awaited moves aimed at simplifying EU legislation. On yesterday's agenda for the so-called "slims" proposal, was a plan to bring about the mutual recognition of work in other member states.

The plan would also have simplified rules in EU countries on plant health, and simplified import and export forms. A task force of officials at the Department of Trade and Industry has been working on the proposals since December. Yes-

were shelved. Ministers and officials yesterday attempted to rebut criticism that they were blocking measures which were in Britain's interest. But as they defended their position they only raised further questions about the strategy.

Mr Freeman told journalists that although he had blocked the measures in the internal market council, these would not have any effect as the work

would go on.

All that had actually happened yesterday, said Mr Freeman, was that a "resolution" had been delayed. But, he went on, "Work on deregulation will continue at the national level and in the [European] Commission. And we encourage

Mr Freeman insisted that while some of the shelved proposals would have been in Britain's interests, "it is in the interests of Britain that we make progress on lifting the ban on British beef".

Ministers, its seems, could be diplomas, which would make it easier for job-seekers to take coming to fight on the Brussels front line for some time to

Tories are losing control' on milk

GLENDA COOPER

The Government was accused last night of "losing control" over the baby milk alert as thousands of worried parents jammed telephone lines, deluging doctors and advice groups with calls.

The Consumers' Association called for a full inquiry into the Ministry of Agriculture, Fish-cries and Food's handling of the affair and even a leading man-ufacturer of baby food described it as "confusing".

As it emerged that milk from all the major manufacturers had been found to contain levels of phthalates, which have been linked to impaired fertility in rats, the ministry still refused to name the brands

involved. Yesterday the British Medical Association and the Royal College of Nursing joined the calls for the full results of the tests to be published. A spokeswoman for the BMA said: "We fear there will be a flood of parents coming to doctors expecting expert advice and information and the GPs will

lished in the media." Sandra Rote, the RCN's Community Health Adviser. added: "We are receiving a steady stream of calls from nutses desperate for authori-

only know what has been pub-

tative advice on the current scare. Nurses are in the front line of reassuring anxious mothers and feel seriously let down by the lack of information."
Two mothers picketed the

ministry's building in Whitehall to demand information. Lauren Bromley-Hodge, who feeds her six-month-old daughter, Hannah, on formula milk, said the Government's refusal to publish the information was "criminal". Veronica Wagner, mother of seven-month-old Ashley, described the situation as 'Russian roulette".

"This is not like the BSE scare, where people can decide not to eat beef," said Ms Bromley-Hodge. "Milk is the mainstay of our children's diets.

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we are talking about. [The min-

istry) just don't care. Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, Nigel Griffiths warned that there was "danger of public concern spiralling out of control". He called again for all information to be made public, including the names of brands and the minutes of meetings with manufacturers "to show there was no cover-up

at any stage". Even Neil Bowen, marketing director of Cow & Gate, one of the four leading manufacturers, said of MAFF's handling of the affair: "Unfortunately, the way the information came out was confusing, and that certainly hasn't helped."

He added: "The formulas are perfectly safe and there's no need to be concerned ... There is really no point in naming individual brands, partly because they're all safe, partly because all brands were included, and partly because what we don't want to do is encourage mothers to needlessly switch from one brand to another, or from one brand to cow's milk."

But last night consumer groups were continuing to field hundreds of calls from the public. Diane McCrea, the association's head of food and health, said: "Consumers are still very confused and worried."

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Tyger Tyger, dying ou

REBECCA FOWLER

At the beginning of the 20th century, more than 100,000 prowled the world. Now, less than a hundred years down the line, the roar of the tiger has dwindled to a whimper, with only 5,000 surviving in the wild. and if we don't put all our re-But a campaign launched this week by the Federation of Zoos to raise £100,000 for

three conservation projects, has run into controversy over the best means of conserving tigers and ensuring their future. The campaign, Tigers Week. is aimed at supporting Siberian. Indian and Sumatran tigers.

from poachers, and the everpresent threat to their natural habitats. However, the project is also promoting preservation work in zros – including captive breed-ing – which has divided conservationists. Peter Lawton. chief executive of Global Tiger Patrol, an Indian based chari-

ty, which will receive money

They are all at perilous risk

concern vesterday. While I am very grateful for

the help they are giving us. we are totally against captive breeding. It gives a totally false picture of security, when the truth is that this is the 11th hour sources into saving tigers in the wild, we may lose them completely by the end of the century," he said.

The most disturbing cause for the decline of tigers is the risc in trade for their body parts for Oriental medicine. There is a hugely lucrative black market, in which dealers can expect \$15,000 for a skin and around \$20,000 per 10kg of bones.

Among the recent casualties found by Mr Lawton in India was a tiger which had had its face blown off by a homemade bomb in a piece of meat, and it took 28 hours to die. In India, which has the

raised from the week, voiced his and 3,500 in the wild, and poachers have caught an estimated 1,000 for skin, meat and bones in the north of the country during the last three

> The Siberian tiger is the most critically endangered, with only between 150 and 250 surviving in the wild, making it one of the rarest animals in the world. The wildlife charity Tusk Forces hope to set up an extra anti-poaching patrol, which would cost around £30,000,

There are also fewer than 500 Sumatran tigers currently in the wild. The Sumatran Tiger Field Project hopes to improve links with ex-situ breedng programmes in zoos, and improve the monitoring of wild

populations. The Federation of Zoos defended its position on captive breeding yesterday, saying: "We state the best place to save animals is in the wild, but someworld's largest population of tigers in the wild, numbers times extra help is needed. In tigers in the wild, numbers the case of tigers, we're pro-have dropped to between 2,500 viding a safety net."

-QUICKLY Section 1

Identity checks Cheap videophones and computers that recognise faces are among the likely products of a leap forward in technology announced yesterday.

Preece claim Patricia Preece, famous for her paintings earlier this century, did not do any of the work, it has

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Democracy betrayed in Albania

Andrew Gumbel in Tirana sees the slide towards a one-party state as riot police crush a protest against election fraud

Any lingering pretence of democracy in Albania came to a brutal end in Tirana's main square yesterday as riot police ploughed into opposition groups protesting at systematic fraud in last Sunday's election.

The crackdown was perpetrated by a regime which has received every encouragement from the international commu-nity, and the European Union in particular. EU governments have given President Sali Berisha and his Democratic Party their unquestioning support, despite a growing list of human rights abuses and strong indications that he would try to rig the elec-tion, because of the West's preference for stability in the small

Balkan country.
Europe's reaction to the vote-rigging and the violence will be crucial. Refusal to recog-nise the vote could force Mr Berisha into holding a new election. Recognition - or no reaction at all - would effectively sanction the creation of a oneparty state and a return to dictatorship in a country that for 50 years suffered extreme iso-lation and Stalinist repression.

Yesterday the opposition was already paying the price for Western indifference. Police wielding rubber batons knocked over old people, kicked and beat women with young children and injured a number of leading politicians and foreign jour-nalists. Hundreds of other people were blocked off in side streets and prevented from joining the demonstration.

Servet Pellumbi, acting leader of the main opposition group, the Socialist Party, was in custody last night. The leader of the centre-right Democratic Alliance, Arben Imami, was recovering from severe head and body injuries inflicted both during the demonstration and later in police custody.

Several domestic and for-



Crackdown: Riot police using truncheons on demonstrators in Tirana yesterday. Old people and children were among those attacked Ptotograph: AFP

ground and their equipment damaged. Most were unable to send their material because the government switched off Albania's satellite transmitter shortly after the event. It was a show of official repression that outstripped even the strong-arm tactics of the security forces in the dying days of Albania's

"The brutality used was totally excessive," commented Paul Keetch, a British observer who came to Albania to monitor the election. Mr Keetch has been one of the few foreign officials to raise his voice against what he eign journalists were left called the "arrogant and illegit-bruised and bleeding on the imate" practices of President

Stalinist regime six years ago.

Berisha, who claimed a clean sweep of seats in the election for his party and accused the opposition of behaving like bad losers for refusing to recognise

Mr Berisha wields near total control, not only over his party. the government and parliament, but also over the courts, the country's key economic interests and the broadcast media, which pumps out propaganda on his behalf.

In the four years since taking power at the head of a popular anti-communist front, he has alienated scores of former colleagues, who have set up political parties of their own, and

disillusioned most of the ejectorate offended by his clientalistic style of government. Yet he has been able to count

on foreign backing, selling him-self as a safe pair of hands to handle foreign political and investment interests in a country that was once the most closed in the world. Yesterday - belatedly - ambassadors from the EU were meeting to count the cost of its misguided policy of promoting "stability" in this potentially explosive corner of the Balkans. According to a statement issued earlier by Mr Keetch and 10 colleagues from

spread vote-stuffing, illegal in-validation of ballot papers, intimidation and violence. "We must not give any form of legitimacy to these elections," Mr Keetch urged.

"It was totally blatant," reported another observer who did not wish to be named. "Even when observers entered polling stations, people were openly going through piles of opposition ballot papers and spoiling them."

Many polling stations opened late - in some cases with the ballot boxes already stuffed with fraudulent votes. Others closed Britain and Norway, Sunday's early, claiming a 100 per cent election was marred by wide-turnout as early as noon. By mid-

afternoon, volunteers - many of them offered money - were ar-riving at marginal constituencies en masse to fill out multiple ballot papers with votes for the De-

mocratic Party.

The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which co-ordinated several hundred observers, was supposed to issue a report on the election by yesterday, but was stopped from doing so, according to some of its members, by European diplomats. "They told us they didn't want any inflammatory statements at this stage and suggested we issue the report in Vienna on Thursday," one OSCE official said.

hope the electorate cuts them

The Ulster Unionist leader

said there would be no poll had

it not been for his party, though

he admitted that the unusual

electoral system was not what he had wanted. Drawing on tele-

vision's Star Trek for inspiration.

he said: "It's the elections, Jim,

There are signs that Mr Trim-

ble's party is anxious that it will

not do as well as originally

hoped. The main reason, it

seems, is that election warhorse

Ian Paisley is tramping the cam-

paign trail for his Democratic

Unionists with undimmed en-

ergy and gusto, despite turning

but not as we know them".

down to size on Thursday."

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS*

The England football beam was last night involved in Linvestigations into allegations that an aircraft carrying them back from Hong Kong was damaged.

Scotland Vard confirmed sesterday that: "Police at Heathnew are investigating an ellegation of damage to an acroplane which was received from Cathay Pacific artime. A spokesman refused to not of the Pacific artime. A spokesman refused to not of the Pacific Carlon in as in action that happened on flight CXZ51 from them Kong Kong to London Heathrow this it manner. The artime has launched an inquiry and will make no further comment until the results are known." A spokesman confinence that the England squad was on board the flight and that mit one was injured.

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The allegations, detailed by Cathay Pacific, were to be investigated by England manager Terry Veriables "at the investigated by England manager Terry Veriables "at the englest opportunity". Steve Double, a Pootball Association spekesman, said. He said "if any action needs to be taken, it will be." Mr Double confirmed that FA chief executive Craham Kelly received a far from Cathay Pacific at 4.25pm yesterday. "Cathay Pacific have asked in to look at it." He refused to go into details of the nature of the allegations Peter Victor.

Berman tomist was shot dead in Bedford pestered with a stempted robbery at the hotel where was staying with her hisband in a group of 50 for higher street central. Police said Johana Sirginda the lother feetival. Police said Johana Sirglinda.
Cambelont 56, died after two masked men in balaciavas entered the town's County Hotel at 1220am, both moving gois. They demanded cash from the staff, and made a failed attempt to open the sale. One of the Creman party on a visit from Bedford's twin town.
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The Prime Minister admits on television tonight it list MPs do not remotely reflect the make-up of the marking they serve. The present mix of the House of The narion she's serve. The present mix of the House of Commens does not remotely reflect the mix of the country as a whole, either in terms of Asian candidates. West indian candidates, or indeed the male and female indian candidates, or indeed the male and female indiance of the population. It says in an interview with Marin Basin in temperature BBC programme East.

The Conservatives have only one non-white MP. Nirj. Deva (Beniferralises have only one non-white MP. Nirj. Deva (Beniferralises have only one non-white MP. Nirj. Deva (Beniferralises have in the programme to have more Asians shouling for Parillament, but stresses the pelection of Boy camildates is a matter for local pariles with the Cantral Office. On the programme. Tony the pelection of Rory cantileties is a matter for focal parties not for Cantial Office. On the programme, Tony Blan; the Labour leader, says he is also committed to himing more Asian MPs, and Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Demograts, describes parliament as "the best participents club in London" and says it is something I want to break." John Rentoul

Firefighters in Dertyshire yesterday became the second brigade within a week to vote in favour of a series of rime hour strikes. The ballot, with 75 per cent in favour of industrial action, follows the decision last Thursday by Essex firefighters to begin identical strikes against proposed cuts in levels of fire cover. The two forces will meet later this week to co-ordinate the action, likely to begin early next month. Fire Brigades Union general secretary Ken Cameron said the results showed the defiance of the brigades. He said: "Morale is lower than a my time since the National Fire Service strike in 1977." Yesterday's result came after Derbyshire County Council agreed to cut the service's budget by £1.3m. The authority insists the brigade would still meet minimum standard levels for fire cover.

Donations to the Tory party from more than 100 companies have stopped since the 1992 general electron, according to new research. Together these companies donated more than £1m in their last year of cash support for the Conservatives, according to Labour Research, an independent body funded by trades unions. Among the most significant deserters are Central Transport Rental, whose last gift was £80,000 in 1994-95, Barings, who gave £70,000 in 1993-94 and Cameron Hall Developments and Racal Electronics, who in the same year gave 150,000.

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Ministers draw closer to deal on disarming

ALAN MURDOCH and DAVID McKITTRICK

British and Irish ministers are believed to have made significant progress in closing the gap between them on handling the controversial de-commissioning issue in next month's inter-party talks in Belfast.

According to reliable sources, progress was made in the talks in Dublin between the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, and Dick Spring, the Irish minister for foreign affairs.

The two will meet again next week, in the wake of Thursday's

election in Northern Ireland, to tackle remaining differences.

The fact that progress was made will keep alive the faint glimmer of hope that an IRA ceasefire is possible to allow Sinn Fein entry to the talks, due to open on 10 June. Republican sources, however, are giving no indications that such a move is to be expected.

Mr Spring said "satisfactory" progress had been made at yesterday's talks, and emphatically denied there was any risk of the all-party talks being postponed. Irish ministers are convinced paramilitaries on both sides will only agree to start disarming once real political progress is made in the talks. and that Sinn Fein may not cooperate if immediate decommissioning is a pre-condition.

Unionists are demanding an early start to actual decommissioning soon after the talks agreement necessary."

convene. London has been unwilling to endorse Mr Spring's proposal for a parallel "fourth strand" in the all-party talks to tackle decommissioning, which might be chaired by former US senator George Mitchell.

luctant to become involved in the all-party talks unless invited by both governments.

Washington backs his participation, sensing it could help convince sceptical republicans that talks will be meaningful and substantive. Dublin similarly wants a broader role for Mr Mitchell than simply chairing decommissioning talks.
The Taoiseach, John Bru-

ton, yesterday told the Dail that he wanted the arms issue resolved in line with Mr Mitchell's February formula that some arms be decommissioned during the all-party negotiations.

Earlier, the IRA was warned that it would be making a "serious political blunder if it failed to renew the ceasefire and thus exclude Sinn Fein from the talks. Alliance Party leader Dr John Alderdice said: "Patience is wearing thin. Republicans should take their own advice and declare peace on the com-

Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams said vesterday: "We must have some positive political will and evidence of posi-tive political will on behalf of the British Government if they are going to bring about the type of

Reluctant runner dogged by rejection of ceasefire

Bobby Lavery, councillor and reluctant election candidate, stands at the top of the New Lodge with a small band of determined-looking men ready to brave the steady downpour and canvass for Sinn Fein. The biggest sign locally says: "No return to Stormoni rule.

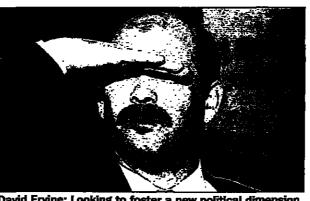
He is a reluctant runner Mr Mitchell is said to be rebecause he regards the election as unnecessary, a stalling tactic by Britain, "an absolute farce". He would have preferred a nationalist boycott, but with election day tomorrow Sinn Fein has to try hard to show that its support is not on the ebb.

Mr Lavery recounts that on one doorstep a woman, who was an acquaintance of his family. said she would not vote for Sing Fein. When asked why, she said simply: "Ceasefire's broke."

So do the majority of people want another cessation? Mr Lavery, whose son and brother were shot dead by loyalists, replies: "Well, it would be silly for anyone to say they don't want a ceasefire, because anybody that wants to live in a situation of killing is crazy. The question I keep getting asked is - 'is there going to be another ceasefire'." I think its one of the silliest questions I ever heard, because nothing is more certain.

"The perlinent question is when. The answer to that lies with the army council of the IRA, and to a greater extent with John Major. This de-commissioning ... first and foremost the British want surrender. Just like the generals of old when they handed over their sword. they want republicans to show that symbol of defeat.

David McKittrick talks to the rivals in Ulster's election countdown



David Ervine: Looking to foster a new political dimension

"There's no way they're going to get that. Unfortunately, John Major is in a position where he's almost totally dependent on Unionist votes, so I don't think you'll see any major movement this side of a British general election."

A brief drive away is a loyalist area where David Ervine and the Progressive Unionist party are trying to do what Sinn Fein did for republicanism by grafting a new political dimension on to loyalist paramilitarism. Doing so, means persuading Protestants to switch away from mainstream Unionism: an Ian Paisley poster, in suitably lurid orange, serves a reminder that

old voting habits die hard. Mr Ervine's canvassers gather in a little club decorated with Union flags, pictures of the Queen, and scenes depicting Protestant gallantry in the First

mini-bus to spread the message. "It's all extremely heartening," says Mr Ervine. "A lot of us are new to knocking on doors, but we're very encouraged. Nobody is slamming doors in our

If his party finishes in the top ten it will be admitted to talks, only to face demands - led by the Ulster Unionist party leader David Trimble - for a speedy handover of lovalist weapons. "I've only had one question about de-commissioning, only one," says Mr Ervine. That was from a man who felt loyalists shouldn't de-commission until the IRA do."

Less than an hour later, on a platform in the town hall in Ballymena - the buckle in the bible belt - Mr Trimble urges his audience to spurn such parties. "We have seen some rather unsavoury people strut across the harvesting many thousands this World War. They pile into a political stage," he declares. "I week.

Outside the town hall, a jetblack jeep pounds the Bally-mena streets, loudspeaker blaring. The driver - Paisley's son lan Jnr-already knows that fewer than 50 people were at the meetingand he stops to deliver a snappy seminar on how to get

Unionist votes.

"Trimble fails to clarify his positions, whether it's on social issues or constitutional policy. They're a party of generalities they don't have a specific tight position on most of these things.
 That makes it very difficult for them to come across with a consistent message.
"I think the electorate's

sophisticated, but I don't think they're sophisticated to the extent that they can appreciate all the minutiae and innuendo."

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INT SHORTS

The first computer was as big as a room, now it's the size of a full stop . . . and it's getting even smaller

Videophones for the price of a standard telephone, wristphones, and computers that recognise faces are among the likely products of a leap forward in microchip technology announced yesterday.

The advance unveiled by the US semiconductor giant Texas Instruments (TI) would cram the equivalent of 20 of today's PCs onto a single chip, which could be on sale within three years. The result would be affordable products with enormous amounts of computing

The announcement is the continuation of a 30-year race to pack more and more electronics into ever-tinier spaces. For example, the computing elements of the wartime computer, the Colossus, right, would today take up the same space as the full stop at the end of this

"This new technology will make it practical to use calculations which today are just theoretical, because they would take too long with existing ma-chines," said John Carter, of the University of Southampton's Electronics and Computer Science department. "Systems that need to identify faces have to do

it in seconds, not minutes or hours. Similarly, sending video signals down phone lines requires immense computing power at each end of the link. This has kept prices of videophones around £500 for some time. More powerful computer chips would make videophones both

New chip is the equivalent of 20 of today's PCs, writes Charles Arthur

TI will not have a monopoly, though: Japanese and American companies are hot on its trail. Hitachi, NEC, IBM and Intelwhich makes the best-selling Pentium chip for PCs - are all

within sight of the same target. By boosting the power of a single chip while keeping it at the same price, the new technology will cut the cost of products, since the most expensive element of making modern computers is assembling the different components.
Trs "Timeline" design re-

duces the width of the silicon wires" in the chip from today's common value of around 0.6 microns (millionths of a metre) -200 times thinner than a piece of paper - to 0.18 microns. This dramatic reduction in size means that many more transistors, the building blocks of a computer, can be squeezed into the same area.

Using this process, TI intends to build a chip containing 125 million transistors - a huge step up from the Pentium Pro, commonly found in PCs today, which contains 5.5 million transistors. Intel presently makes chips using 0.35 micron designs. The more transistors a single chip contains, the more processes it can carry out at

The big squeeze: how more means faster in the computer chip wars

The latest announcement by TI is the demonstration of a "law" first proposed more than 30 years ago by an American en-

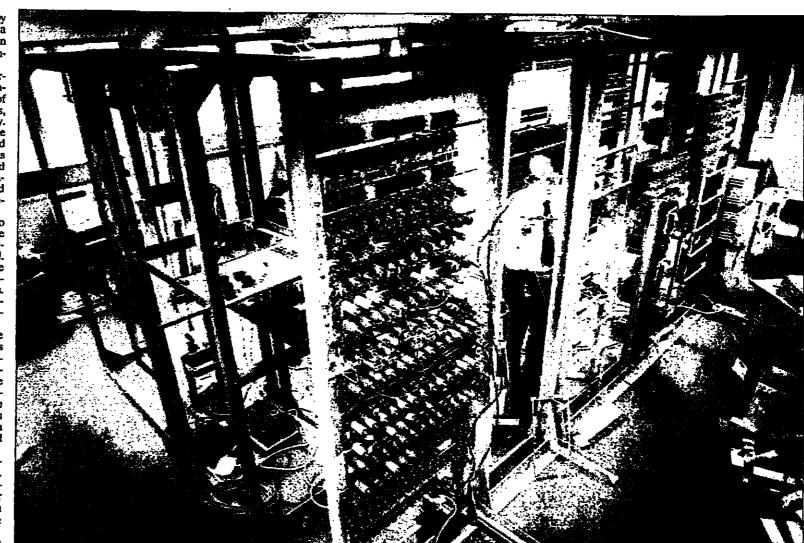
gineer. Gordon Moore. In 1965, Moore was prepar-ing a speech about the improvement in performance of computers' memory chips, which were then rudimentary. He noticed that each successive generation of chips contained twice as many transistors as its predecessor, and was launched 18 months or so later. He reasoned that this trend could continue almost as long as re-

Moore, now 69, went on to be co-founder of Intel, now the biggest manufacturer of semiconductor chips in the world. The company's first chip, the 4004 (used in early calculators) contained 2,300 transistors. Since then, the power of individual chips has increased almost a millionfold.

However, the inexorable progress towards smaller chips may be nearing its limit. Physicists reckon that below 0.1 micron - a size which would be reached around 2005 - significant problems could arise from the unusual phenomena known as "quantum effects", in which individual electrons can tunnel through solid barriers.

This would mean that calculations could become unreliable. Clive Hoggar, a semiconductor product manager for TI, said: "The technology has a habit of moving immovable

"Somehow, we always get past these problems."



Number-cruncher: Mr Sale with Colossus, whose entire capacity can now be contained on a single microchip

Colossus has returned after half a century. Its whirring tapes can read 5,000 characters a second but now the entire capacity of this grandparent of today's computers would fit on to a single modern microchip.

For the past two and a half years, Tony Sale, a former MI5 agent, has been engaged in a labour of love rebuilding the world's first electronic computer, which played a crucial role in shortening the Second World War. Next week his achievement will be recognised when the Duke of Kent switches on the rebuilt Colossus at the museum in Bletchley Park, had been penetrated early in the

Will Bennett traces the colourful history of the then revolutionary machine that helped shorten the war

British code-breaking operations during the war.

The ceremony will also mark the reversal of a very British denial of a great achievement: after the war in Europe, Winston Churchill ordered that the Colossus computers be scrapped to "parts no larger than a man's hand".

It was built to crack the German high command's Lorenz code, which was more complex than the Enigma system, which war. Colossus did not decipher

the code but identified the wheel settings used by German operators, enabling Bletchley Park experts to work out what Hitler and his generals were dis-cussing. Its greatest triumph was to show they had been fooled by Allied deception plans before D-Day, enabling the landings to

go ahead. Despite American claims that their ENIAC system, which was not running until 1946. was the first computer, British experts have always insisted technological revolution that has changed the world.

Mr Sale said: "I wanted to have Colossus up and running this year because the Americans are claiming that ENIAC, a numeric calculator, was first and that this is its 50th anniversary. But Colossus was operating two years before that.

No detailed records of Colossus's construction were retained by the Government: the last drawings were burnt in 1960. Mr Sale, who worked as a computer Colossus was the dawn of a engineer after leaving MI5, re-

lied on photos, the memories of Bletchley Park experts and inspired guesswork. Many parts used to rebuild the 16ft wide. 7ft 6in high machine, which weighs a ton, are standard equipment used in telephone exchanges during and after the war.

Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid

The Government was as uninterested in financing Colossus's rebuilding as it had been in preserving it; a third of the £20,000 cost come from Mr Sale's pocket, the rest from private donations

He said: "I could not get get any official backing ... I knew I had to do it now, or all the neaple who had worked on it during the war would soon be dead."

Jailed peer puts ancestral home up for sale at £15m

WILL BENNETT

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Lord Brocket, who is serving a five-year jail sentence for a £4.5m classic car insurance fraud, is trying to clear his huge debts by putting his family home up for sale for £15m.

Estate agents put Brocket Hall and its 543 acres of parkland near Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, on sale yesterday as its old Etonian owner continued to serve his sentence in Littlehey prison, Cambridge-

Brocket, 43, a former poloplaying friend of the Prince of Wales, was jailed in February for what Judge Daniel Rodwell OC described as a "disgraceful" crime, aimed at reducing his debts of £10m. The sentence was the culmination of a downward spiral for a man who at a one time had seemed one of the country's most successful aris-tocrats, with a 50-bedroom mansion, 15 of the world's most sought-after sports cars and a life at Brocket Hall claustro-



1980s, when in an attempt to meet the crippling cost of running the house, he turned it into a conference centre and golf course. But with the arrival of

the recession, firms began to cut back on holding conferences. At the same time, his marriage to Cuban-born Isa Lorenzo, once the world's fifth highest-paid model, began to fall part. After the birth of their three children she found classic cars, bought with a huge bank loan, began to devalue and by 1991 his car company had a £7m overdraft and he had borrowed £3m to keep his estate ticking over. It was then that he hatched his plan to defraud an

insurance company.

He falsely told police that four of the cars had been stolen by a professional gang and claimed the £4.5m insurance money. But the insurance comrught-after sports cars and a life at Brocket Hall claustro-phobic and became a cocaine lengthy court battle began. Lady His problems began in the addict. Brocket's collection of Brocket's drug problem wors-

ification at two of Britain's top rehabilitation clinics.

His personal and financial problems came to a head when ady Brocket was arrested for forging drug prescriptions and told police about the fraud. The couple have since been in-volved in a bitter custody battle over their children.

Selling Brocket Hall for an estimated £15m for a 125-year easehold interest was an inevitable move given Brocket's financial problems. Earlier this year. David Sullivan, publisher of the Sunday Sport newspaper was reported to be interested in

buying it. The 18th century hall was built for Lord Melbourne, whose son, the second earl, became Prime Minister in 1834. The latter's wife, Lady Caroline Lamb, renowned for her passion for the poet Lord Byron, arranged for herself to be served as the surprise dish at her husband's birthday party. She emerged naked from a large

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Europe moves towards ban on chemical in PVC wrapping

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Correspondent

Three European countries have banned the use of the organic chemicals known as phthalates, but scientists say that removing them from the environment may prove impossible, as their use has been widespread.

Scientists also disagree about the effects of exposure to phthalates, which have been suspected of affecting humans for more than 20 years.

There isn't a smoking gun pointing to a health risk, said Dr Colin Poole of Imperial College of Science and Medi-"If one was shown, it cine. "If one was to get rid walld be a huge task to get rid of all traces of them.

There is some evidence that phthalates are "xenoestrogens", which mimic the effect of female hormones and could be

been problems in Scandinavia with their absorption into blood stored in plastic bags for trans-

Sweden, Denmark and parts of Germany recently acted to stop the use of PVC, one of the biggest sources of phthalates that people are exposed to.

Last November, Sweden decided to phase out the use of PVC, while in January the Danish Environmental Protection Agency published a study showing that phthalates passed into the food chain by the manufacture of PVC could be accumulated in animals and fish, and would then be absorbed when those organisms were eaten.

In February, the city of Bonn banned PVC from public buildings, joining 200 German local authorities and six federal states

phthalates as an environmental contaminant. Phthalates are used in mak-

ing PVC, where they act as a "plasticiser". Their use has been widespread and has now been extended to other products. "We know that they're cer-

tainly found in the rubber tubing of the laboratory equipment that our students use, because they keep getting extracted by the testing equipment and give false readings in experiments." said Dr Keith Jones, of the chemistry department at Kings College London yesterday. "Getting rid of them really is

However, scientists disagree over what dose would be harmful, and whether xenoestrogens would have the same effect as

absorbed from PVC wrapping in the ban. The principal reainto fatty foods. There have sons include the presence of Fisheries and Food (MAFF) says they are a million times less potent. In a study of the levels of phthalates found in paper and board packaging for food, it concluded that "estimated intakes ... would be well within tolerable levels".

The ministry said that while there would be some absorption of phthalates from packaging. "other sources are also likely to contribute to the contamination of food by phthalates". Studies into the potential

effects of phthalates on the human reproductory system have been in progress since 1972, but have produced few definite answers. There is a loose connection with infertility, malformed births and cancer, but would require high levels of exposure -"like eating half an ounce of PVC every day," Dr Poole said.

Dunblane massacre: Scottish town relives nightmare of 13 March as inquiry opens into slaughter of 16 pupils and their teacher



Floral memorial: A pupil passing tubs of shrubs dotted around the site of Dunblane Primary School's former gymnasium

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JAMES CUSICK

The harrowing journey to arrive at what Lord Cullen has called "the truth" behind the slaughter of a primary class of innocent children and their teacher. will begin today for the families of the dead of Dunblane.

Sheltered high in the balcony rea seating of the Albert Halls in Stirling, the parents and rel-atives will look down, for the six-to-eight weeks of the public inquiry, on to the courtroom organisation that has transformed the hall into Scotland's

Families begin painful journey to the 'truth'

from the international media corps, for those who may now hear for the first time of the events which led Thomas Hamilton to massacre 16 chil-dren and their teacher, before turning a gun on himself on 13

In private last week, the parents and relatives of the victims met Lord Culien, the senior Scottish judge who will head the inquiry, and the Lord Advocate. Lord Mackay of Drumadoon, who will lead questioning for the Crown. The families unanimously requested that details of newest legal arena.
It is hoped the balcony will the injuries suffered by the victims should not be explored in

detail at the inquiry.

It is understood that their wishes will be respected when the first of the 60 witnesses, who will give their evidence over the next three days, is heard today. A ballistics expert, pathologists, senior doctors and paramedics, teachers and others who were the first to witness the horrors inside the gymnasium at Dunblane Primary School, are expected to deliver a "general

What form the general outline will take will be determined today in the opening addresses of the five groups who have full legal representation at the inquiry: the parents of the injured or dead; the Scottish teachers' union, the EIS; Central Scotland Police; Central Region Council and Ron Taylor, the head teacher of Dunblane

the parents of the dead and injured and those from the school and town who choose to attend, the inquiry proceedings will mean an emotional journey as

nightmare memories of 13

Lord Cullen has expressed the wishes given to him at last week's meeting that "at such a difficult and stressful time parents and relatives did not wish to be approached, photographed or sketched by the media. The highly-respected judge, who led the lengthy inquiry into the Piper Alpha oil platform explosion, was appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland, Michael Forsyth, to conduct the tri-

His report, expected by the end of September, will address recommendations on the control of the possession and use of firearms and ammunition, school security and the vetting and supervision of adults work ing with children.

Given the broad brief by Parliament to examine "the circumstances leading up to and surrounding" the mass murders of teacher Gwen Mayor and 16 of her infant school pupils, the tribunal is likely to obsessed background of the 43-year-old killer, Thomas Hamilton, and how he was

legally allowed to keep firearms. In his opening statement to the inquiry's preliminary hear-ing earlier this month, Lord Cullen said: "I shall endeavour to arrive at the truth.

Since the shootings there has been mounting pressure on the Government to tighten the Cullen Inquiry will be crucial to the outcome of the current gun laws debate. The Government has said it will await the inquiry's findings before it decides on a

Gun law could not stop another* Hamilton

The Firearms Consultative Committee, the organisation which advises the Government on firearms issues, came to the depressing conclusion last week that nothing it has suggested since being set up eight years ago could have prevented the Dunblane massacre.

Many senior police officers believe there is a growing gun culture in Britain, but, unfortunately, the question of how to stop another Thomas Hamilton from running amok is com-pletely different to what should be done about the hundreds of thousands of firearms currently in circulation, many of which

are illegally held.
There were 409,000 firearms
(excluding shotguns) legally
held in England and Wales in
1995, according to a Home Office bulletin published last week. It also said the number of certificates - more than one weapon can be held on each -has increased by just one per cent since 1994 to 141,700. After falling steadily over a number of years, from a peak of 216,300 in 1968 to 136,800 in 216,300 in 1968 to 136,800 in 1992, the number of certificates has been slowly increasing for three successive years. Perhaps most worrying is the minuscule number of certificates refused by chief constables last year – just 220.

Not surprisingly, nobody knows how many illegally held firearms are in circulation. Estimates range from 500,000 to more than one million.

Increasing numbers of senior police officers, such as Sir Paul Condon, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, have warned of the growing availability and use of illegal firearms.

Earlier this year, he told the Commons' Home Affairs Select Committee: "There is a growing willingness, particularly by young criminals, to carry knives and guns in circumstances which I find very disturbing, and as a society, we must do our best to counter that "

As well as the youth street gangs, increasing numbers of firearms have been reported among the country's swelling ranks of organised criminals. This is highlighted by recent shoot-outs among traditional gangs in Liverpool and killings by "yardie" drug dealers in

But unlike Australia, which announced plans for a ban and

buy-back of automatic and semi-automatic weapons just days after a lone gunman killed people in Tasmania last month, the British Government has rejected any "knee-jerk" re-

The Home Office points toward crime statistics which show that incidents involving firearms are still relatively rare. There were 12,977 recorded firearms offences in 1994, the last year for which the Home Office has full figures.

That represents a fraction of all offences, with a gun involved in eight per cent of homicides, or nine deaths.

Seven per cent of murders -63 cases - involved a gun, together with seven per cent of robberies and one per cent of crimes of vandalism. In more than half of these incidents, the main weapon used was an air-The Government has said it

will make any amendments to

gun laws after Cullen publish-

es his report in September, although John Major has already pledged new controls on semiautomatic weapons.
As part of their submission to the Cullen inquiry, Labour has called for a national register of firearms and for the law to be

changed to ban anyone aged 18

or younger - possibly with a

minimum age of 21 - from owning or using a firearm. They have also called for sweeping powers for chief con-stables to refuse the granting of

firearms certificates. As in Australia, the Government is under heavy pressure from gun lobbyists, who say any further tightening of the laws would infringe their rights and would be impossible to police.

Doctors have already rejected a proposal by the police that they should be responsible for vetting gun licence applicants for any psychological disturbance.

But as many critics have al-ready stated, whatever new laws are introduced, it is only likely to make another Dunblane harder to achieve rather tan prevent it outright. It is also inlikely to do much more than dent the availability and pos-session of illegal firearms.

Jason Bennetto



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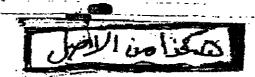
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Head in bullying case took

A headmaster accused of bullying by his staff has been hospitalised after taking a tablets and alcohol overdose.

Alan Jackson, headmaster at Russell Scott primary school in Denton, Greater Manchester, was found wandering in a confused state nearly 100 miles

away in Cumbria, police said. Mr Jackson, who is also a magistrate at Tameside, had been under investigation by his local education authority after six members of staff made for-mal complaints accusing him of bullying, intimidation, threat-ening behaviour and assauk.

The investigation ended and no action was taken after a meeting between Tameside education director Tony Webster and the school's board of governors last Tuesday.

Police were alerted by Mr Jackson's partner, Christine Mason, after he disappeared from his home in Audenshaw, Greater Manchester, last Thursday.

Detectives in Cumbria, where Mr Jackson's mother lives, were alerted by Greater Manchester police. Mr Jackson, 49, was found hours later wandering in a confused state by a member of the public in the Scale Hill area of Loweswater, near Whitehaven, said a Cumbria police spokesman.

Mr Jackson was taken to West Cumberland Hospital in Whitehaven suffering the effects of an overdose of tablets and alcohol, the spokesman said.

His condition was never thought to be life-threatening but he was kept in by doctors over the weekend. He returned home yesterday.

The school was closed yesterday for the half-term holiday. Martin Wareing, chairman of the school's board of governors, said staff were very upset at the news about Mr Jackson.

He made no comment about when and if Mr Jackson would be returning to the school, but the headmaster was understood to be resting at home while he



Neat idea: Claimed to be the world's smallest museum, a converted telephone box opened at Covent Garden in central London yesterday with an exhibition on gin. Today it moves to Leicester Square, to stay until 28 June Photograph: Philip Meech

Howard 'stole' plans to beat yob culture

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, was yesterday ac-cused of stealing Labour ideas with proposals to tackle "yob

culture" and petty crime.
The Home Office is understood to be drawing up plans to crackdown on anti-social activities, such as begging, vandalism, and under-age drinking. The thinking behind the proposals is to hit minor offenders before they

turn to a full-time life of crime. The scheme is expected to be trumpeted by Mr Howard as his latest law-and-order offensive in July. Labour is angry that he appears to be trying to seize the initiative on "yob culture", which Jack Straw, Labour's home affairs spokesman, has been pursuing recently with at-

tacks against noisy neighbours, "squeegee merchants" - windscreen cleaners who prey on motorists - and young offend-ers. Yesterday's spat shows the importance both parties place on gaining an advantage in the

law-and-order agenda in the run up to the general election.

As part of the Home Office review officials are examining a strategy called "zero tolerance" in New York - targeting drunks, prostitutes, vandals, drug dealers and beggars - which is credited with cutting crime by 27 per cent over two years. The New York authorities have used the "broken windows" theory that if a window pane is mend-ed the building is less likely to be burgled. Mr Howard visited

is known to have been very im-

pressed by the strategy.

Mr Straw yesterday accused ministers of systematically rubbishing a series of Labour nolicies that would have a near-

identical effect in reducing in-cidents of anti-social activity. "It is quite remarkable that it has taken this Government 17 years to wake up to the con-nection between 'quality of life' incidents and big-scale crime."

"Labour has long under-stood that anti-social behaviour ... ruins many people's lives and heightens their fear of crime and lawlessness. We have brought forward a range of proposals to deal with neighbourhood nuisance, public disorder and juvenile crime. On each occasion the Government has unwisely sought to rubbish these pro-posals despite the backing they have received from police, the United States recently and

local authorities and other

Mr Howard was unavailable for comment yesterday but Home Office officials said that the review had been going on for some time.

With a general election koom-ing and a Crime Bill already inned for the autumn it is unnew legislation, so the proposals are expected to use existing laws. They are almost certain to involve the familiar phrase "partner-ship" in which schools and local authorities will be expected to take a greater role in stamping out anti-social behaviour.

A ministerial working group set up in January is already studying ways of turning young-sters involved in minor vandalism and other activities away

Ardour of honeymoon cools as Blair slips in electability poll

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The closer Tony Blair gets to Downing Street, the more sceptical the British public becomes about him, according to NOP's

opinion poll for the *Independent*. Although half of those questioned by NOP last weekend thought Labour under Mr Blair was "ready to form the next government", this is a marked fall from the two-thirds (66 per cent) who agreed with a similar statement during Mr Blair's honeymoon period just after he was elected leader in 1994.

The latest figure also suggests a continuing decline since January this year, when Mori found that 56 per cent thought Labour was "ready to form the next government" and 54 per cent thought Mr Blair was "ready to be prime minister".

Similarly, the proportion say-

Is Labour ready to form the next government?

-All Con Lab L Dem 50% 19% 82% 42% No 38% 71% 10% 51%

ing that Labour was not ready

has risen steadily - from 25 per cent in December 1994, 33 per cent in January this year, and 39 per cent now. Encouraging findings for Mr

Blair in the Independent/NOP telephone poll of 1,005 people include the one-in-five Conservative voters and the two-infive Liberal Democrat voters who say Labour is ready to form the next government.

Whether or not Labour is

ready, a Labour government after the next election is now regarded as almost certain. according to a separate poll of 256 "opinion leaders" for the Independent. This poll found that

76 per cent believe Labour will win the general election, which must be held within 12 months. A further 7 per cent think no

party will have an overall majority in the Commons, in which case Labour would be likely to form a minority administration. Of the sample of company directors, senior civil servants, media editors, politicians and trade

union leaders, designed to reflect the views of people who have the power to influence public opinion, more than half -57 per cent - think Labour will win with a working majority. A further 19 per cent think Labour will win, but without a working majority, usually defined as one of fewer than 10 seats, which is unlikely to survive a full parliamentary term.

Only 8 per cent think the Conservatives will win. This poll, carried out by

Opinion Leader Research,

could reinforce the pressure for an autumn election, as it suggests deepening gloom on the economic front. Since July last year, the proportion thinking the economic situation improved over the previous 12 months collapsed from 83 to 55

The overall impact of John Major's declaration of the "beef war" against Britain's European partners will be measured by voting intention figures in a closely watched Mori poll to be published tomorrow.

The Independent's NOP poil suggests the impact on how people intend to vote will be limited, although it could reinforce Tory support. Only 6 per cent of electors said the campaign to disrupt Brussels business made them "more likely" to vote Tory at the next election against 19 per cent who said "less likely".

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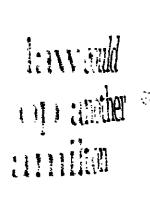
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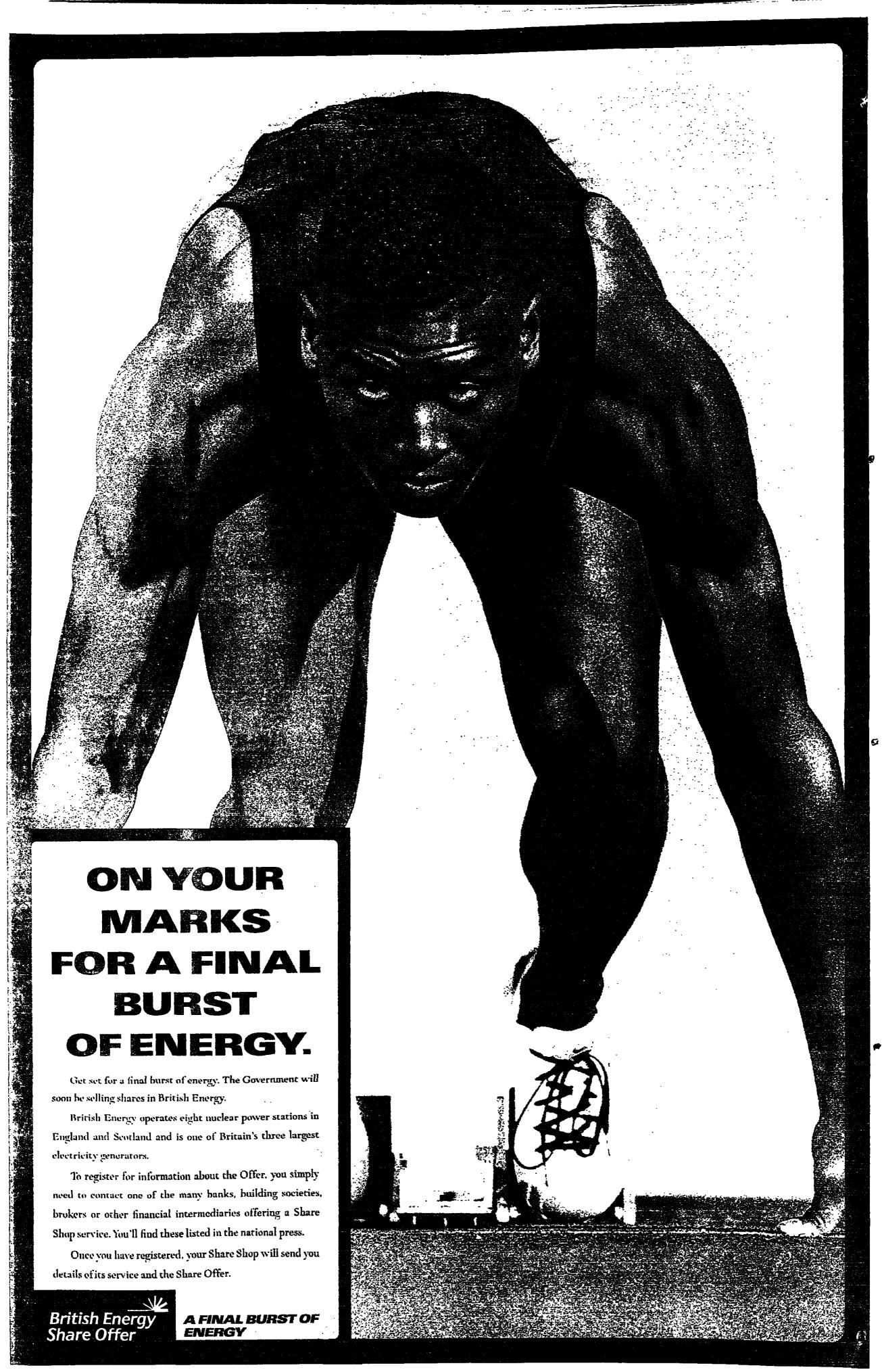
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Britpop calls the tune in contest for the best songwriters



Arts News Editor

Britpop songwriters look likely to dominate the Ivor Novello Awards for popular looks inevitable. songwriting, which will be pre- It has alread

sented in London tomorrow. The awards, in their 41st year, are internationally respected as Britain's major platform for recognising its songwriting talent. Last year's winners included Elton John, egories contain Britpop en-

eration to acclaim the renaissance in British songwriting It has already been an-

sis will share the Songwriters Of The Year award. But the awards shortlist shows that most of the other cat-

temporary song; "Common People", by Pulp, has been nominated for best song musically and lyrically. Supergrass's "Alright" is also nominated for

nounced that Damon Albarn of Blur and Noel Gallagher of Oateenybop image, are on the shortlist for a number of categories. Their song "Back For Good" is on the shortlist for three categories: best song, in-

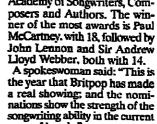
Van Morrison, Elvis Costello and Sir Tim Rice.

This year, a step down a gen
tries. "Wonderwall", by Oasis, is in the running for best contemporary song; "Common temporary song; "Common temporary

the year.
Britpop also makes its presence felt in the initial entries for this year's £25,000 Mercury Music Prize. The Oasis album "(What's The Story) Morning Glory?" and Blur's "The Great Escaper" will both be competing against albums by veteran members of the musical estab-

Awards and the Mercury Music Prize reflect that other recent phenomenon, the Jane Austen boom. Carl Davis's score for the BBC's Pride and Prejudice is nominated for a Novello award for best television or radio score. And the entries for the Mercury Prize include the soundtrack to the film of Sense

are presented by the British Both the Ivor Novello Academy of Songwriters, Composers and Authors. The winner of the most awards is Paul McCartney, with 18, followed by John Lennon and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, both with 14.
A spokeswoman said: "This is the year that Britpop has made





Damon Albam

The masquerade: An exhibition of Patricia Preece works opens shortly, but its curator challenges claims over her artistic 'collaboration'

The secret kept by artist's wife and her lover

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

Patricia Preece, the glamorous . wife of Stanley Spencer who gained fame in her own right for her paintings in the first half of this century, did not carry out any of the work, it was claimed

In a revelation which will generate ripples in the art world, Michael Dickens, curator of the first comprehensive exhibition of Preece's work, said yesterday that the real artist was Dorothy Hepworth, Preece's

long-time companion and lover. thought to have collaborated on the miniatures, portraits and still lifes bought by such famous names as Virginia Woolf, Augustus John and the collector although Spencer booked a she couldn't possibly do it un-Edward Marsh. But Mr Dickens said yesterday: "Patricia did very little painting in her life. Dorothy allowed her to take credit for work she did not do."

It is the first categorical claim that Preece masqueraded as the tinued to live together after the artist. Although she often wedding and it remains unsigned the paintings, organised their exhibition and sale, Mr Dickens has found evidence from joint diaries kept by the women which proves that band's curious tastes. He Preece had no hand in their creation beyond arranging objects for their still life paintings.

The claim is the latest development in the extraordinary life led by Preece and Hepworth in Cookham, Berkshire, yards from where Preece's husband, Stanley Spencer, lived and painted his best-known outsize biblical canvases.

Spencer to the scandal of the Berkshire village, for Spencer left his first wife, Hilda Carline, for the woman who had open-

ly lived for years with Hepworth. Tall and elegant, the daughter of an Army officer, the vampish and sociable Preece was down on her luck finan-Until now the two were cially. But marriage to Spencer set the seal on a lucrative - al-

beit fraudulent - artistic career. honeymoon to St Ives he decided to stay at Cookham to finish a painting and attempt reconciliation with Hilda. Preece took Hepworth on the honeymoon instead. They conclear whether the marriage to

Spencer was consummated. Preece later spoke with re-vulsion of her diminutive husnainted her nude, was fascinated by her legs, and bought her numerous pairs of shoes, gaudy

"He had to turn me into something horrible to obtain maximum satisfaction from our haison. There was something ap-

palling about Stanley," she said. In the meantime the pair who had met at the Slade School of In 1937, Preece had married Art in London - where Preece got a pass and Hepworth took first class honours - continued their artistic "collaboration" in the face of several sticky moments when they feared their trick would be discovered.

One close shave came after Virginia Woolf bought two drawings from the pair in the early 1930s. She was so taken with them that she asked Preece eit fraudulent – artistic career. to paint a portrait of a friend, It did not signal the end of her Ethel Smythe. "Patricia went friendship with Hepworth. For into a complete twitch and said less Ethel came into the studio," Mr Dickens reports.

Preece died in 1968, aged 74, and Hepworth continued to paint, concentrating obsessive-ly on self-portraits. But even after Preece's death, Hepworth continued to use Preece's name on her work until her own death in the late 1970s.

The first comprehensive exhibition of the work attributed to Preece begins on 10 June, at the Olivier Fover in the National Theatre, on London's South Bank and runs to 27 July.







Top: (from left) Dorothy Hepworth, Patricia Preece, Stanley Spencer and James Wood at Stanley and Patricia's wedding in 1937. Below: Spencer's Self-Portrait with Patricia Preece (Photograph: Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge). Right: A line drawing of Preece, signed PP, but believed to be by Hepworth

Indian Festival shows culture 'not just Rushdie and Kureishi'

A major arts festival designed to generate raise awareness of the culture of the Indian subcontinent has been welcomed by as an opportunity to show that there is more to Asian culture than novels by Hanif Kureishi

and Salman Rushdie. The Festival of India's South. which showcases some of the the finest examples of southern india's visual and performing arts, was hailed by prominent members of the community as an opportunity to put the region's rich culture on the map. By and large, they say, Asian art does not get the serious analy-"There is no dearth of Asian

being given to dance and dra-

As reported last week, Vir-

ginia Bottomky, the Secretary

of State for National Heritage,

is keen that lottery money

should be used to help fund dance and drama students.

is adamantly opposed to this,

claiming that dance and drama

students should receive manda-

tory awards, as do music and art

The new Arts Council inquiry

will be carried out by Clive

Priestley, chairman of the London arts board. He will look into

However, the Arts Council. which distributes lottery awards,

by the Arts Council.

dents is to be carried out

overall perception is that they are of minority interest, so the mainstream tends to ignore them," said Jitendra Verma, artistic director of Tara Arts, a leading Asian theatre company.

Suman Bhuchar, a journalist and TV producer, said: "There are a fair number of perfor-mances here both by British Asians and by artistes coming from India, but they rarely get the kind of promotion or pub-

Though many Asians voiced their dissatisfaction with the way in which their culture is dealt with by the mainstream media, some said Asians themselves were often uninterested in the artistic and cultural heritage of

tionary awards has dropped by

give no grants at all for drama

and dance, and others are

Last week Rada received a

£22m lottery award. But many

of its would be students are

unable to take up their places, because of local-authority cuts

Rupert Rhymes, the chief

executive of the Society of

London Theatre, commented:

"As far as our members go, we

are dismayed at the news that

there is to be yet another delay before anything is done. A year

ago we were told that the

situation was desperate but still

to discretionary grants.

not accepting applications for

Many local authorities now

their country of origin. According to Anjana Patel, project are truly interested in their manager for the Asian Community Action Group, very few Indians turn up at exhibitions of Indian arts and crafts which are held throughout the country on

a fairly regular basis. The young people, espe-cially the second or third generation British Asians, are not interested in ethnic arts. Their ties with the country of their origin are very diluted."

So, often there were more British or European Indophiles at exhibitions of Indian art or performances of classical music and dance than there were Asians themselves, she said. However, she stressed that

Though the Arts Council did not have a breakdown of the audience profile at ethnic programmes, there seems to be a consensus that there is a high level of interest in things Indian among the British public.

S. Mani, a former mayor of Lewisham, said that though the festival was of tremendous importance to the local south Indian community, non-Asians would probably flock to a lot of

According to the festival authorities, most programmes are already heavily bookedand a classical dance recital of Bharatsuch festivals do fill a cultural natyam is completely sold out.

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but he ignores them, he is not a painter of mountains,

he limps round his earden as if in the salon of Mesmer, his pet bird watching.

The bird-painter closes his eyes, traces his descent

through the maternal line,

one of his long-ago mothers who told him -

f you must paint, first take singing lessons from the birds

Penelope Shuttle is one of Oxford University Press's 40 poets under the careful eye of Jacqueline Simms. Building a City for Jamie, from which this poem is taken, is her sixth collection, but her output includes radio drama, fiction and non-fiction and includes several books written in collaboration with her husband, the poet Peter Redgrove. On the whole, these are strange landscapes: the growing up of a daughter and the on-set of middle-age underpin a collection of precarious visions.





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ELIZABETH NASH Madrid

A fifth suspected case of meningitis was under investigation on the island of Majorca yesterday, as health authorities sought to reassure holidaymakers that disease before they arrived in

Four children have been con-

ease in Mallorca in recent days, including two who died last week. They were probably infected before they reached the island, local authorities said

They believe that the particularly virulent strain of the disthose afflicted contracted the case that afflicted the youngsters - meningitis meningococcal may have originated in Britain. firmed as stricken with the dis- Balearies but common in tendays, and those affected fell arrival. The German girl is

thorities said.

"We expect the written report in the next few days," the local government tourism chief. Pedro Pascual, said yesterday. "But we have two reasons for thinking the outbreak originated outside the island. First, because it is not a type common to Mallorca, and secondly it has The strain is rare in the an incubation period of two to

Britain, the island's health au- ill within 24 hours of arrival." A British boy, Christopher Treagust, 13, died in hospital last

Monday and a German girl, 11. died two days later. Both had been staying with their parents in a holiday apartment complex in the resort of Playa de Muro. The Briton had been on a Mediterranean cruise three days before arriving in Mallorca and died 24 hours after his

thought possibly to have caught the disease from him.

Another English girl, five-year-old Michaela Leyland, was recovering yesterday after being taken into intensive care in Palma on Friday. And three-year-old Thomas O'Neil from Leeds who fell ill nearly two weeks ago is now better and due to fly home shortly. Both were holidaying in a hotel in Magaluf near Palma.

In a possible fifth case, a six-year-old British girl, Amy Kearney, was under observation with what was described as a "slight attack". Her parents had moved out of the complex in Playa de Moro after last week's scare, and delayed several days before reporting Amy's high temperature and rash.

Mr Pascual said yesterday that the number of hotel cancellations from British tourists re-

There is absolutely no more risk of contracting meningitis in Majorca than in Britain. There are 50 cases in Britain every week. but at the moment no Mallor-

can is suffering from meningitis." Mr Pascual stressed that prompt action was crucial in treating meningitis and advised parents to seek medical advice if a child had a temperature or felt stiff or nauseous. Hotel and

been alerted to respond promptly to such symptoms, he said. The disease is usually con-

firmed by lumbar puncture and treated with antibiotics. British and Spanish authorities have launched a joint study to compare the epidemiological conditions of British tourists in Mallorca with those in their home towns, to try to establish the origin of the outbreak.

Mother

donates

kidney

to baby

An 18-month-old baby has been given one of his mother's kidneys in a rare transplant oper-

Joe Quick, from Bermondsey

in south-east London, is recov-

ering in hospital after undergoing surgery last week to implant the adult kidney, which

is five times the size of his own.

said yesterday that Joe - one of

the youngest patients in Britain

to receive a kidney from a liv-

ing donor - and his mother,

Lorraine Guerrier, 33, are well.

The child has been on dialy-sis since his kidneys failed due

to a genetic disorder when he

Geoff Koffman, the surgeon

who carried out the transplant,

said: "He is certainly the

youngest living-donor trans-

plant we have done. Joe is very

small to receive an adult kidney,

but it is a matter of balancing

to continue dialysis for much

longer. He was at a desperate

stage and this surgery was ab-

He said transplants on babies are normally carried out using

organs from children who have

died. Joe had been on the

transolant list for some time, but

they had not been able to find

and offered to help. There are

risks with any donor, but they

her son the chance of a normal "It will be a month or so be-

fore we can be confident that

everything is fine and that he has

avoided rejection, but every-

thing is looking fine and this is

a chance for him to get back to

"His mother came forward

are small. She wanted to give

a suitable donor, he said.

solutely life saving.

"We wouldn't have been able

was nine months old.

Doctors at Guy's Hospital

PETER VICTOR

Live-in work schemes: Research shows results of French work programme compare favourably with YTS

Industry cash increases jobs for homeless

GLENDA COOPER

An innovative scheme to help the young homeless by giving them work and a roof over their heads has proved cost effective and successful within two years.

Independent research into the progress of nearly 2,000 young people on "foyer" workand-housing programmes reveals that one in two go straight into a job when they leave and 80 per cent quit the scheme ei-ther for employment or training. Eighty-two per cent of YTS leavers go straight into jobs, further education or training. YTS schemes are only for people aged between 16 and 18 and do not target disadvantaged groups such as the homeless.

Foyers for young people were invented by the French and provide accommodation, training and counselling for young people and the homeless, financed by money from indus-According to the researchers. Annabel Jackson

Associates, there were 1,457 bedspaces available last year. Twenty-eight foyers have opened so far, another 34 are in the pipeline and a further 23 are being planned. Companies such as Grand

Metropolitan, Marks and Spencer, British Telecom, Barclays and Tesco have backed foyers with grants, staff time

ers between October 1993 and school. September 1995. The average age of the residents was 20, and between 20 and 30 per cent had been in trouble with the police. Nevertheless, 736 people had been placed in jobs [an average] of 55 per cent] and 325 had been

More than 70 per cent of the employment was full time, with the remaining 30 per cent split evenly between temporary and

Those who use the foyers tend to be male [65 per cent]. While the average age is 20, a quarter of residents are aged 15 to 17. About 70 per cent of foyer residents are unemployed when they move in, the remainder being in college, on government schemes or claim-

ing benefit as long-term sick. The foyers themselves are often converted buildings, with seven having been built specially. Some are managed by YMCAs. The vast majority of rooms are single rather than shared and they are a mixture of self-catering and communal cating. The aim is to be "noninstitutional", and residents are able to decorate their rooms as they wish and have their own

keys. All have lounges or bars. "Much foyer work is delivered on a one-to-one basis," said the report. This is the most time-effective and flexible approach for the young person. Foyers say residents who have failed to respond to previous training or education courses experience breakthroughs with this approach. Foyers may also attract users who reject the regimented approach of main-

Don Macdonald, chief executive of the scheme, said: "The foyer programme is proving more cost effective than comjobs for young people. It costs between £25,000 to £217,000 a and is reaching those young people such as the homeless or those who dropped out of

Sir John Banham, chairman of Tarmac, also endorsed the schemes, "Fovers are one of those inspired ideas which can overcome high levels of unemployment and homelessness among young people." he said. This research shows foyers do work and that young people can make a success of their lives if given the right support."



Success story: Harold Stevenson has a home and a full-time job six months after joining the Gateway Project

What a difference it is with something to do'

forward to . . ."

A broad grin sweeps across

Harold Stevenson's face. "My life has really turned around. I've finally got something to look forward to," he said. The 23-year-old is one of the

Gateway Project's success stories. In 1992, he became homeless and went from hostel to hostel. It seemed unlikely he would ever work. "You can't really get a job unless you have

Six months on from joining the project Mr Stevenson is working full-time as a courier. having found the job himself. You can't imagine what a difference it makes to get up in the morning with something to do, something to look forward to. And even really simple things like being able to go shopping at weekends and being able to afford to buy stuff," he said. The Gateway Project, start-

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CASE STUDE

de din 1993, is one of 36 Foyer projects around the country.

You can't imagine what it's like to get up with something to look

The difference," she added.

The difference, such a difference, to competitive market force,

The difference is clear in Debbie Scott, the trust's director, said. There's a Catch 22 sit-like to get up with something to look at you."

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The difference, such a difference, to competitive market force, to competitive provides accommodation and training for young homeless people aged 18 to 25. It aims to out of that vicious circle." train them for a career while giving them life skills, vocational advice and IT training. Most people stay nine to 18 months. centre holds, 100 of the last year's intake have jobs now as sales assistants, secretaries, accountants and even a couple

of actors. "We help them

"The young people grow in stature. They mature. We give

them confidence that they've never been given before. If you Out of 116 people that the tell someone they can't do something for long enough they will believe in it. It's often the first time someone's bothered about them. We are about people believing in people. It makes

terday preparing to look for temporary work as a clerical assistant until September. That is when she will return to college to complete a BTEC in the

hopes of applying to do sociol-ogy and philosophy at university the following year. "It's all about choice," she said. "I can choose to go to unijob. Not bad for someone who

versity now. I can have a well-paid was homeless two years ago."

normality. He is up and about and eating, and is looking much chirpier.' Mr Koffman said the little boy's body would now have to adjust to the adult kidney. "The kidney is huge compared to him; it's like having two hearts. His body will have to adapt it to him.

There is a risk with such a large kidney that his heart will not be able to cope with pumping all the blood into it, but we are monitoring it and he seems to be doing well."

Tests for compatibility were also carried out on Joe's father, Mark, a postman, and Joe's sixyear-old sister, Charlotte.

His mother said the opera-tion was "painful but worth it. I'm feeling a lot better and Ioe has made a brilliant recovery . quicker than me. He was on his leet after just two days.

"The doctors picked me because I'm smaller than Mark, who is over six feet tall. Char-

otte is too young.
"My kidney was a lot bigger than Joe's — I don't know how they fitted it in. It was a bit of a squeeze, I'm told."

Heads want to expel children of violent parents

FRAN ABRAMS

Education Correspondent Violent parents who abuse and

assault teachers could risk seeing their children excluded from school, head teachers said yesterday. The National Association of

Head Teachers (NAHT), whose annual conference opened in Torquay, may seek a test case in order to see whether a school could expel the children of difficult parents. Teachers are now twice as

In the past year 16 NAHT

members suffered serious physical assaults by parents, two by members of the public and nine by pupils. Yesterday David Hart, the as-

sociation's general secretary, said talks with other teachers organisations had confirmed that the figures were represen-tative of the national picture. Officials at the Department

for Education and Employ-ment had told him that it would

cording to figures compiled by he said. However, the decision might be overturned by an independent appeals panel and a test case was needed.

He called for government action to allow the panels to consider the greater good of the school rather than simply the interests of the child.

In two recent cases, one in Nottingham and one on Tyneside, teachers threatened to strike when a violent child was returned to school after an appeal.
"If an assault has been com-

zero. The child might have a better chance of a fresh start in another school," he said. Yesterday the NAHT's in-

coming vice-president. Liz Paver, of Intake First School in Doncaster, described how a normally supportive mother had left her with a broken tooth and injuries to her knee and hand after a dispute.

The woman went into the

school to remonstrate with an older child who had accidentally bashed her four-year-old daughter in the mouth in the

The head followed the woman out to her car to talk to her, and as she leant in through the window she drove off, drag-

ging Mrs Paver along with her. The mother, who was a member of the school's parents' association, and whose husband was a governor, later apologised, but Mrs Paver said in other circumstances the dispute might not have been resolved so easily.

"We are spending 90 per cent of our time dealing with 2 per cent of our pupils and 2 per cent of our parents and that can-not be right.

"We have to grasp the nettle and say if someone cannot accept our code of practice they will be put out," she said.

The association has pressed ministers to make it easier for schools to prevent parents from withdrawing their children from detentions as well as for reform of the appeals panels and more powers for head teachers to exclude pupils.

Last night the National Con-

federation of Parent Teacher Associations called for a meeting between ministers, teachers'

Morrissey, sympathised with schools but said national action was needed.

"It is outrageous to blame this on people who probably don't have the power to resolve it without support," she said. Four out of five teachers now retire early, most of them because of stress, the NAHT said yesterday.

Of 23,500 teachers retiring this year fewer than 4,500 — just one in five — were over 60. A quarter were leaving through ill-

likely to be attacked by other - be legal to exclude pupils bemitted then the relationship unions, social services and par-ents to discuss school discipline. health and 56 per cent were takadults than by children, ac- cause their parents were violent, between the school and the playground. ing early retirement. Our best offer yet. Best call now.

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Yeltsin stages visit to Chechnya

The Russian leader follows his ceasefire coup with a sudden visit, reports Helen Womack

HELEN WOMACK Moscow

A day after reaching what he called a "historic" peace accord with Chechen separatists in the Kremlin, President Boris Yeltsin yesterday pulled another election rabbit out of the hat, turning up unannounced in the war-ravaged region.

After the heavily stage-managed four hour visit, he said:
"My main impression is that peace has come to this republic not only on paper, but in practice. I have not heard a single-chart." gle shot. This is the main joy for the Chechen people, the federal forces and the whole of Russia.

Mr Yeltsin, aware that the tragedy in Chechnya is a top issue for voters in next month's presidential election, said gearlier this month that he would visit Grozny. But aides warned him that he ran a grave risk of

being assassinated there. When the new Chechen leader, Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, came to Moscow on Monday and agreed on a ceasefire from 1 June, western journalists assumed that Mr Yeltsin would shelve his travel plans. They were therefore taken by surprise when the Interfax News Agency announced at noon that the president had arrived in the Chechen settlement of Pravoberezhnoye and was meeting locals.

The village is in the north of the region, safely in Russian hands. Later, he flew by helicopter to Grozny to speak to soldiers from the 205th Motor Rifle Brigade, but did not venture into the city itself.

The President has kept his promise and proved that Chechnya is part of Russia," television commented as it showed pictures of Mr Yeltsin standing stiffly by a red, white and blue Russian tricolour as he addressed the servicemen on their parade ground. Not a ruined building or burnt out tank was to be seen.



Weather eye: Two soothsayers will the clouds from the Moscow sky to help create good conditions for Boris Yeltsin's Chechnya talks Photograph; Reuter

Then, as quickly as he had arrived, he was off again. By five o'clock in the afternoon, Interfax was reporting Mr Yeltsin's return to the military base at Mozdok in neighbouring north Ossetia. While he was away, Mr Yandarbivey - the successor to Chechnya's assassinated leader General Dzhokhar Dudayev - stayed in Moscow, evidently to guarantee the President's safe return.

Mr Yeltsin used the visit to try to win the hearts and votes of soldiers who have seen their comrades fall in an often incompetently organised military campaign. Altogether, 30,000 have died in a 17-month old conflict which has become young men who had served six

Russia's domestic Afghanistan. "You have finally won." the President told the troops. We have defeated the mutinous regime of Dudayev." He acknowledged errors had been made, but justified his original decision to send troops to Chechnya in December 1994. "There was a coup here. Pow-er had been seized by the separatists. In carrying out the task (of recovering control), we could not avoid making

some grave mistakes. I am not trying to avoid blame." The soldiers may or may not have been impressed, but conscripts would have been pleased by his announcement that all

months in "hot-spots" would be allowed to go home early.

As far as Monday's truce with the separatists was concerned. Mr Yeltsin said experts would now try to develop it so that a more comprehensive agreement could be signed at the end of June. He said he was ready to give the region " maximum autonomy" - but "Chechnya is in Russia and nowhere else".

It remains to be seen how Mr Yandarbiyev, who insists on full independence for "Ichkeria" as the Chechens call their mountain homeland, will respond.

The ceasefire deal, agreed in the Kremlin banqueting hall,

was made possible because both sides skirted round the delicate question of Chechnya's future status and concentrated only on silencing the guns. It was welcomed yesterday, more or less sincerely, by almost all Russian politicians, including Mr Yeltsin's communist opponent, Gennady Zyuganov, who has already lost his lead in the

fall further. Only the extreme nationalist, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, said what he really thought - that the war would start up again as soon as the election was over - and for once seemed to be making a reasonable comment. Hardliners in the Russian army and mil-

opinion polls and now stands to

itants among the Chechens may fighting. The Russian defence minister, Pavel Grachev, has sounded lukewarm about ending the war, while Shamil ayev - the guerrilla who took hundreds of hostages in a Russian hospital last summer - has

stayed silent. Mr Yeltsin's interest in achieving a truce, even if it is only temporary, is clear enough. The motivation of Mr Yandarbiyev, who had vowed to re-venge the death of General Dudayev with a holy war, is harder to fathom. But if the fighting starts again, he will at least have had breathing space to regroup his guerrilla forces.

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

wow much is too much, when parents want to mourn a lost daughter? That is the question dividing the small town of Readsboro, Vermont, Tom and Tami DeBlois believe they have stayed perfectly within their rights in remembering their baby girl. Jonica Deanna, who died in a car accident more than five years ago. First, they placed a laminated picture of her on her grave stone. Later embellishments included a knee-high ceramic doll, a pink lamb donated by a niece, two flower boxes, a small tree on which ornaments are hung at Christmas, a crouching lion, a painted raccoon, a ceramic rabbit and a wooden carving of Jonica on a swing suspended from a tree branch overhead. It was when Mr DeBlois creeted a trellis over the gravestone that the cemetery's board of commissioners decided enough was enough and ordered the display taken down. "They've been mourning for five years. That's a lot of mourning," one commissioner declared. Another said the grave "looks like a circus". Supported by 100 of the 700 residents of the town, the DeBlois are defiant. In the spirit of compromise, however, they have taken down the trellis. David Usbarne – New York

China's Prime Minister has waxed lyrical in his cager-ness to sing the praises of the controversial Three Gorges dam project, on which he has staked his reputation, Xinhua news agency said. Li Peng's "Song of the Yangtze", written especially for what will be the world's largest water-control project, had "stunned" a Peking audience, Xinhua said. Mr Li has been the prime proponent of the dam, which has been residely estimated for its design and the affect it will have on widely criticised for its design and the effect it will have on the environment and on the hundreds of thousands of peo-ple who will be displaced in central Sichuan and Hubei provinces. Reuter - Pekine

Kenyan police have extended their hunt for the killers of a British aid worker, Christopher Maurice, whose body was found in a forest in Kenya's Central Highlands on Sunday. Mr. Maurice. 41, was murdered last Friday after his car was stopped by criminals who had already killed the driver of a bus they had hijacked. Two members of the gang which kidnapped Mr. Maurice have already been arrested and are helping police with the search. On the run are the gang leader and

an accomplice.

Commonly known as Wanugu, "Son of a Monkey" in Swahili, the gang leader is one of the most wanted men in Kenya. Police say he has committed a series of robberies and murders. In his early thirties, he is said to be armed and highly dangerous. David Orr - Nairobi

The body of a former Iranian cabinet minister was found at his home near Paris. He died of gunshot wounds, apparently the latest Iranian exile to be killed. The man was identified as Reza Mazlouman, an education minister under the late Shah before the 1979 Islamic revolution. The serious crimes squad was investigating the apparent murder after the body vas found in an apartment in the suburb of Creteil, east of Paris, yesterday afternoon.

The Shah's last prime minister, Shapour Bakhtiar, was killed at his home in the Paris suburbs in 1991. Several Iranians were convicted of his murder, although a French court stopped short of directly blaming the Islamic authorities in Tehran. Reuter

Smash and grab thefts of posters of Tyra Banks have forced the clothing retailer Hennes & Mauritz to organise a free handout of the larger-than-life pictures of the American model in swimwear. Barely had the campaign begun last week than fans began smashing the glass display cases at bus stops to get their hands on the poster. The company quickly printed more modest-sized copies of the posters that were available from its outlets. But the unwelcome interest in the fullsized article continued unabated. Reuter - Brussels

China starts to panic over threat of revolt on frontier

TERESA POOLE

In August 1949, whenthe Chinese Communists were close to final victory in China, Mao Zedong invited the Uighur and Kazakh leaders of the selfstyled East Turkistan Republic to Peking, supposedly to discuss autonomy for the region. Carved out of the north-west of China's Xinjiang province, bordering what is now Kazakhstan, the foundation of East Turkistan five years earlier had been the defining moment for the nationalist movement in Xinjiang. The East Turkistan leaders

boarded the aeroplane, optimistic about negotiations with Chairman Mao. But the plane mysteriously crashed. Whether by design or accident almost the whole of the republic's leadership was wiped out, and with them the only hope of quasi-independence for Xinjiang's mi-norities. "Uighur people these days still cry about this ... Young people today still revere the [East Turkistan] leaders." said Justin Rudelson, a specialist on Xinjiang at Tulane Univer-sity in the United States. Since 1949, the Turkie-Mus-

lim nationalities of Xinjiang. China's far north-western province, have been ruled with varying degrees of brutality by Peking. The separatist movement has never died, erupting regularly and violently against Han Chinese domination, but it has been quashed by the Chinese authorities. During the past few weeks, however, the authorities have shown unusual alarm over a perceived "splittist" threat in Xinjiang, just as a number of violent incidents, including political assassinations, have come to light.

It is difficult to gauge what is going on in Xinjiang, a vast ter-ritory of just 16 million people which accounts for one-sixth of China's land mass. Large areas are closed to foreigners and journalists are unwelcome.

Unlike Tibet there is no powerful lobby group outside Chinathand no figure such as the Dalai Lama to provide information. But, judging by the recent official pronouncements.



During the first week in May, Xinjiang party leaders held a meeting on how to fight sepa-ratism. "Local ethnic splittist activities have entered a period of revived dynamism", backed by 'hostile" foreign forces, said the Xinjiang Daily, the regional party mouthpiece. Subsequent re-ports revealed that during the last six days of April, 1,700 by the Xinjiang People's Pub-lication House. Last week, Peking ordered that "party

must be aware that Uighur nationalism and illegal religious activities pose the greatest dangers to the stability of Xinjiang,"

New regulations require all books on Islam to be published by the Xinjiang People's Pub-lication House. Last week,

'Weapons and Islamic propaganda are coming across the border but it is still only of nuisance value'

suspected "terrorists, separatists and criminals" were arrested in Xinjiang, coinciding with the na-tional "Strike Hard" crackdown on crime.

Then, on 2 May, in Kuqa town, nine alleged Muslim sep-aratists were killed in a shootout with police. They were accused of "bombings, murders and other violent terrorist activities". According to the official accounts, the men were armed with home-made bombs intended for an attack in Kuqa. Two weeks later, in the provincial capital of Urumqi, an activist, Abduwayiti Aihemaiti, was jailed for three years allegedly for writing "reactionary articles" calling for the

independence of Xinjiang. Much official media coverage has been devoted this month to warnings by the hardline Xinjiang party secretary, Wang

members and officials ... implicated in political bombings, assassinations or other violent terrorist activities, must be immediately investigated and punished with due severity".

This week there have been reports of six or seven murders by Muslim separatists. Among the victims were a vice-chairman of Xinjiang's political consultative conference, killed at the end of April, and two policemen and a pro-Peking Muslim Imam who were killed in February.

Last year five Muslims were executed for their part in a series of bombings in February 1992 and 19 were convicted for counter-revolutionary activities in Khotan city.

It all suggests that ethnic strife has been suppressed but not tamed. The question is how serious the separatist threat really is, and why officials appear so worried now. According to most Western analysts, although Uighur nationalism is strong. the separatists backing an armed struggle are a minority. Mr Rudelson said: "There are those who are calling for separatism and independence, but for the most part it is not seen as a sensible thing to try to

But there are serious grievances, especially the massive influx of Han Chinese which has made the Uighur people a minority in their own land. Some 38 per cent of Xinjiang's population are now Han Chinese. and 47 per cent Uighur. The rest are Kazakhs, Hui, Kirzhis, Mongols and other minorities. "Now a lot of Han are coming in to Xinjiang to make money. It causes a lot of friction," said Mr

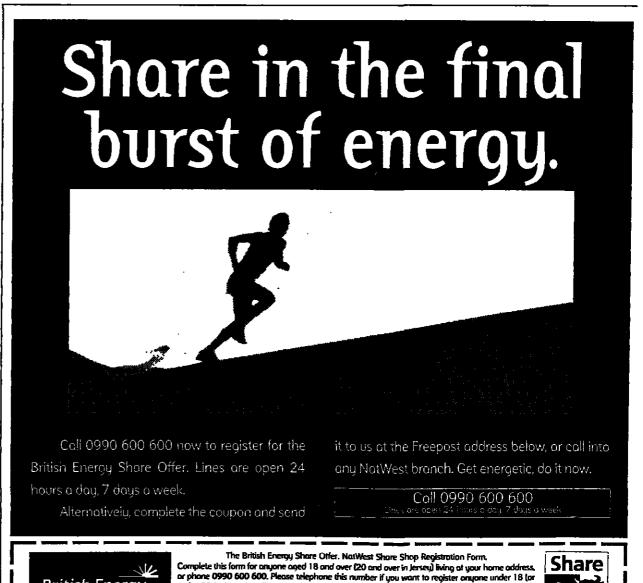
The Uighurs resent the way Peking has exploited Xinjiang's vast oil reserves, with little benefit for the local population. "China views Xinjiang as a nat-ural resources deposit; it is a storehouse for extraction," said Mr Rudelson.

The oil companies do not even hire local labour, preferring immigrant Han. Xinjiang remains one of the poorest parts of China and is used as China's nuclear test site. It is also host to a large number of Chinese convicts in numerous

Professor June Teufel Dreyer, at the University of Miami. who studies China's ethnic minorities, believes the crackdown may be tied to Peking's recent border agreements with Kazakhstan, Kyrgystan, and Tajikistan. After seeing the emergence of these new Muslim republics, Peking fears crossborder links with Uighur nationalists in these states. There is infiltration of weapons and Islamic fundamentalist propaganda," said Ms Dreyer. But she judges the Uighur threat to Peking as "mainly of nuisance

Peking, however, has considered desperate measures. According to Ms Dreyer, in 1990 they were willing to arm Han Chinese convicts in labour camps in the event of an

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Polls give Peres slim lead over rival

PATRICK COCKBURN

As Israelis go to the polls today Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, is just 3 per cent ahead of Binyamin Netanyahu, his rightwing rival, in an election which is seen as crucial to the future of peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

The polls confirm that it is very unlikely that Labour, its left-wing ally Meretz and the Arab parties will win a majority in the Knesset as they did in the last election in 1992. They are more likely to win no more

The Israeli elections are underlining that the country is deeply divided over the peace agreement with the **Palestinians**

than 57 seats in the 120-seat

Although Mr Peres, if he is re-elected, will claim that Israel has endorsed the Oslo accords and his agreements with the Palestinians, the elections are underlining that Israel is deeply divided over the peace agreement. In 1992 Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister assassinated last November, promised peace

Although three main polls show almost identical results, and few voters remain undecided. Mr Peres' lead is so narrow that commentators are refusing to predict the outcome. In the aftermath of the television devale detween the two party leaders on Sunday there was a sense that Mr Netanyahu was building up

The slight increase in Mr Netanyahu's support may also come from ultra-orthodox Jews. He is reported to have reached an agreement with Agudat Is- Likud has repeatedly claimed rael, one of their parties, to build more houses and meet a Peres will divide Jerusalem.

number of religious demands, including the closure of a ma-

jor road during the Sabbath.

The final polls show that
Labour will get 39 to 41 seats
in the next Knesset compared to 44 in 1992, and its left-wing ally Meretz, nine or 10 scats in-stead of 12. The Arab parties, Russian immigrants and a Labour splinter group against withdrawing from the Golan are all expected to make gains. A majority of Jews will vote against Mr Peres but he will hope for wholehearted support from Israeli-Arabs. The Prime Minister has 45 days to form a

For the first time Israelis will cast two ballots, one for the prime minister and one for the Knesset. The aim of the reform was to weaken the bargaining power of the religious parties but it is not clear that this will happen. Some 3.9 million people are eligible to vote and 80 per cent are expected to do so.

The whole country is treated as a single constituency and a party must get more than 1.5 per cent of the total vote to elect a member to the Knesset. The polls open at 7am and close at 10 pm. Results in the past have usually been close and exit polls taken by television stations have often proved an inaccurate guide to the outcome.

In the last three months the West Bank and Gaza have largely been sealed off from Israel as the government tried to prevent another suicide bomb before polling day. Some 24,000 troops and police will be on duty today. The assassination of Yitzhak Rabin led to a revulsion against Mr Netanyahu and the right. This led Mr Peres to hold the election six months earlier than he needed, but his own standing was badly damaged by suicide bombs in Israel in February and March which killed 63

Mr Netanyahu said yesterday that if were elected prime minister he would refuse to discuss Palestinians despite the agreement by Israel to do so under the Oslo accords. He told the daily Ha'aretz: "It is a clause on their agenda and not ours. If they raise the issue, I will drop it. I will not respect any agreement regarding Jerusalem." during the campaign that Mr



View from below: An Israeli woman begs in front of campaign posters which read 'For-bidden to vote for Peres. Don't let Arabs determine the fate of Israel' Photograph: Reuter

Syria sees Labour victory as only chance for peace

Beirut - "He who claims that it is possible to achieve peace and security while keeping the Golan and other Arab lands is calling for war, not for peace."
According to the official news agency Sana, those were the exact words of Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian Foreign Minister. And so, after months of claiming that Shimon Peres and Binyamin Netanyahu were as bad as each other, Syria, it seemed, had at last decided to support the Israel's Labour Prime Minister in today's

The conclusion may be a little trite - Mr Peres has hedged his promises on Golan and is already announcing that there will be no dismantling of Jewish settlements on occupied Arab land and no chance that any part of Jerusalem will be a Palestinian capital - and Mr al-Sharaa's words might be addressed to both contenders in the Israeli election. But it was difficult to dismiss the idea that Syria would be happier with Mr Peres than Mr Netanyahu. A policy of holding onto the occupied Golan heights, Mr al-Sharaa main-tained, "will for sure destroy all chances of peace in the region and no Arab anywhere can deal

with such a policy". The minister was speaking at a Damascus press conference after a meeting with Parouk al-Kaddoumi, the Palestine Liberation Organisation's dissident "foreign minister" who long ago condemned Yasser Arafat's peace agreement with Israel as an act of treachery. His message may therefore have been addressed to Palestinians as much



In effect, however, Mr al-Sharaa was telling the Israelis - and the Americans - that only Mr Peres' re-election will enable the already crumbling "peace process" to survive.

How this will play in Israel is anyone's guess. With the timest lead in the opinion polls, Mr Peres cannot expect to gain more Israeli votes with a last minute call to "Vote for Peres the man the Syrians trust". Nor, after the debacle of Israel's latest Lebanese adventure which ended in the bloodbath of civilians at the UN camp at Qana - will Mr Peres wish to remind Israelis of his most recent brush with Syria's Hizbollah allies. Indeed, he may prefer to reflect upon the official Syrian line, espoused in Monday's official Damascus daily Al Baath, that neither he nor Mr Netanyahu stood for the achievement of a just peace in the

Middle East. "The [televised] debate on Sunday [between Peres and Ne-tanyahu] made it crystal clear that there is no difference between them regarding the peace process since they both confirmed the continued occupation of Jerusalem and that their position on the Golan Heights was

electoral gains which would be achieved at the expense of the Arabs and their rights."

Ever since the April bombardment which Mr Peres unleashed on Lebanon - and which the Arabs interpreted as a cynical election ploy rather than a response to the Hizbol lah's puny rocket attacks in retaliation for the death of a Lebanese boy - there has been growing suspicion that Syria would be content with a Likud victory in today's election. Since the United States is evidently unwilling to ensure a just peace or restrain Israel - so the theory goes - then the only way to break Israel's power is by weak-ening its links with Washington; and how better to do that than by forcing the Americans into bed with an Israel controlled by Likud politicians who have no interest in peace with the

This may well be the view of that crusty old maverick, Muam-mar Gaddafi, who vouchsafed the view at a Cairo university lecture on Monday that the Israeli artillery assault, which killed up to 200 Lebanese civilians, was staged solely to ensure Mr Peres re-election. "Are we going to of-fer our children as a human sacrifice every four years for the Israeli and American elections?" the Libyan leader asked. The official Libyan government newspaper Al Jamahariya – an organ of such sturning boredom that few Libyan officials can stand to read it - announced that the Arabs would be the only losers in the Israeli election and that Labour and Likud represented

PM's tired words seemed to mean little

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My father once invented a game which involved thinking up entirely meaningless na-tional proverbs. This is more difficult to do than it sounds. If there is any meaning at all you cannot score. He won it once with the fine old Norwegian saying: "The tree is taller than the highest wave."

me that Shimor Peres, the Israeli prime minister, would be good at, judging by some of his recent nuggets. Speaking of the next stage of talks with the Palestinians, he said: "It's better to have a partner without a plan than a plan without a partner." Asked about the purpose of operation Grapes of Wrath - the Israeli intervention in Lebanon last month which killed 200 people

– he explained helpfully: "The operation had motives, but not

Some of his sayings are not exactly meaningless, but sound tired and contrived. On the future of the Middle East, Mr Peres said: "The youth in Syria and Iran will tell their leaders: 'you are busy with photo opportunities, but we want a life opportunity.' "The prime mincalled The New Middle East, Its main conclusion, says historian Ilan Pappe, "is that it's high time that Europe allowed Israel to join the European Union as a

full member". Journalists and politicians laughed just once as they watched the one-and-only TV debate of the campaign between Mr Peres and Binyamin

Netanyahu, the right wing can-accord "filled the room with didate, on close circuit television last Sunday.

Mr Netanyahu repeated end-lessly that thanks to Mr Peres, Israelis live in fear. Inevitably, he was asked about his admission of adultery three years ago on television and his claim that political opponents were blackmailing him with a video showing him with his girlfriend.

"It hurt me, it burt my wife, take," began Mr Netanyahu's could run against himself and pious reply, but then - just a lose". shade too quickly to carry conviction - he added that the mistakes made by Mr Peres "hurt the whole people of Israel". Just for a moment, says columnist Nahum Barnea, the absurdity of the comparison between the failings of Mr Netanyahu's sex to heel by Haim Ramon, the Inlife and the errors in the Oslo terior Minister and Labour

non-partisan laughter".

If Mr Peres had called an election immediately after the assassination of Mr Rabin he would have won it. He will therefore be execrated by Labour if he ioses today - the fifth time he will have led his party to defeat. A Labour politician is quoted by the fortnightly Jerusalem Report as saying spitefully that Mr Peres us the only cal

This is a little unfair. Labour. as a whole, has always been bad at campaigning. Earlier in the year the party brought over some American political consultants. Brimming with bright ideas, they were rapidly brought

ahead in the polls and could coast to victory. Mr Ramon, rated one of the

deverest politicians in Israel, is probably being diverted by his long-running rivalry with Ehud Barak, the Foreign Minister. Both men would like to succeed the 72-year-old Mr Peres. Mr Barak is Mr Peres's personal for the prime minister's office. Despite this, Mr Ramon reportedly refused to show him Labour's TV commercials

before they were screened. In the dying hours of the campaign, stickers and posters have been going up across Israel declaring. Only Netanyahu. It's good for the Jews." They are being put there by Habad, an

campaign manager, who said he wanted a "boring campaign". He argued that Labour was well slogan is being denounced as racist because it implies that Mr Peres depends on the votes of the Israeli-Arabs for victory.

It is not the first time Mr Peres had been the target of an ultra-orthodox attack. He almost formed a government in 1990, but needed the votes of some ultra-orthodox members Rabbi Eliezer Menachem Schach, one of their leaders. Unfortunately, Rabbi Schach had been told that Labour kibbutzniks were in the habit of eating rabbit, which is forbidden under Jewish dietary law. He refused his support and Mr Peres's bid for power failed.

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Estonia seeks shelter from icy Eastern wind

from the real political sub-stance," Mr Meri says. "But

there is no doubt that there has

been a sharp increase in the lev-

el of hostility coming from

Russian politicians towards the

Baltic states and especially

ficials quickly denied the IRA

arms sales charges, many in Tallinn interpreted them as yet

another attempt to damage Es-

tonia's international image. As

the most economically suc-

cessful of the three Baltic states,

some even saw the move as a deliberate attempt to deter the

many western firms seeking to

join those who have already in-

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ADRIAN BRIDGE

Among the many carefully framed maps adorning the walks of the Estonian President Lennart Meri's Tallinn study, one in particular catches the eye. It depicts the Baltic region in the 17th century when the Swedes were at the height of their power and when the boundaries of Estonia stretched far inside what is today Russia. "It is a wonderful map, but I always try to stand in front of it whenever the Russian ambassador comes to visit," jokes Mr

Joking apart, much of Mr Meri's time is spent thinking about the almost permanently strained relations between Moscow and Tallinn and about how - and whether - they can ever be repaired. There does not, he concedes, appear to be any immediate prospect of a thaw. Indeed, in the run up to next month's presidential election in Russia, Estonia seems to have been transformed into a whipping boy for Russian politicians anxious to prove their nationalist credentials, a prime target for Moscow's ire.

Quite apart from the usual objections over what it terms human-rights violations against ethnic Russians living in Estonia, Moscow recently claimed it had evidence that members of a volunteer defence force in Estonia had been selling arms to the IRA. Shortly afterwards, the two countries were plunged into a mini version of the spy row between Russia and Britain, which ended with both Moscow and Tallinn expelling one diplomat apiece. "In any election campaign one must always be careful to

Mr Meri puts it more diplo-matically. "We are a small state, but in our five years of independence we have successfully established a parliamentary sys-tem and built a free market economy," he says. "We have been able to do things that Rus-sia has not been able to do. Somehow that undermines the prestige of the Russian leadership. And that is the real reason why Russia has invested so

vested here.

much effort in trying to show Estonia in an appalling light."
Mr Meri personally has good reason to feel wary of Moscow. As an 11-year-old boy, he experienced the annexation of his country by Stalin's Red Army in 1940 and then, one year later, faced the horror of deportation to Siberia - a fate shared by tens of thousands of his countrymen.

In his eagerness to ensure come one of the most ardent champions of Estonia's drive to join the European Union and,

separate the electoral rhetoric above all, Nato. A well read and travelled man, the Estonian President, now 67, has long since made his mark in the international arena as someone who brings a refreshing new perspective and tone to the EU and Nato enlargement debates.

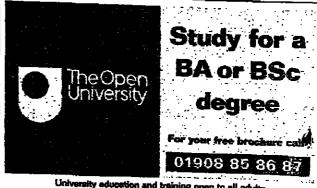
When Nato originally proposed its Partnership for Peace programme in 1993, he compared it to a used bottle of Chanel perfume: "Nice to look at, but empty". On suggestions that, given the strength of Russian opposition, the Baltic states might have to accept some-thing less than full Nato membership, he once famously quipped: "Security is like viruity: you're either a virgin or you are not. You either have security or you don't."

In a couple of hard-hitting speeches in Brussels recently, Mr Meri castigated western officials for showing too much caution over admitting new members from the east. Declaring that the "dream of Europe is fading", he accused the West of "failing to take a full breath of the winds of change in central Europe: all it has done is smell them cautiously, as you would chemicals."

One look out of the window towards Russia and the east reminds him of the scale of the problems facing Estonia, the smallest of the three Baltic states with a population of just 1.5 million. "In 1991 there was a tremendous wave of idealism in Russia but the west somehow took it for granted that democracy would spread to it, rather like a meteorological phenomthat nothing like it could ever enon, of its own accord. We lost happen again, Mr Meri has bea lot of valuable time in which we could have helped the Russians implement a genuinely









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India bundles out PM after 12 days in office

Hindu nationalists set record for shortest-lived government since 1947, writes TIm McGirk

New Delhi - India's shortestlived government in recent history fell yesterday, 12 days after Atal Behari Vajpayee, leader of the Hindu nationalists, took

Mr Vajpayee resigned yes-terday rather than face a humiliating no-confidence motion in the New Delhi parliament which would have revealed that his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government was nearly 100 seats short of the 272 seats

nceded for a majority.
The Hindu nationalists had watered down their mix of religion and politics, but their lastminute concessions to India's 120 million Muslims failed to win over any MPs. The BJP may be India's largest party, but its Hindu chauvinism has scared away many of the smaller regional parties Mr Vajpayee so desperately sought. During a two-day scalding of

the Hindu nationalists by the opposition parties in the Lok Sabha (lower house of parliament), Mr Vajpayee, 69, a genteel poet and statesman, declared: I have an aversion to the kind of politics that is being practised today. I want to muit politics, but politics will not quit me." Soon after, Mr Vajpayee pushed his way through a crowd of BJP supporters gathered outside the builringshaped parliament and delivered his resignation to the Indian President, Shankar Dayal Sharma. Mr Vajpayee's term was the shortest of any prime minister in India's 49 years of

independence. With no party close to approaching a majority, the President may turn next to the second-placed Congress Party of Narasimha Rao. But a ConUnited Front. With Congress and the far-left parties backing this coalition from outside, the United Front's leader, Deve Gowda, may be ready to form

a government by tomorrow. The United Front may last longer in office than Mr Vaj-payee did, but not a single po-litical observer in New Delhi is willing to bet that Mr Gowda serves his full five years. Some



Gowda: May be ready to

observers predict that the United Front may fall apart within months or even weeks.

The United Front - 13 parties lumped together for the single purpose of driving the BJP out of power — can easily come unstuck now that Mr Vajpayee is out. The leftists, regional and lower-caste parties within the front are missing any common thread.

The United Front may also be missing a strong leader. Mr Gowda, 63, is the coalition's third choice, after a former prime minister, Vishwanath gress spokesman said Mr Rao Pratap Singh, and Jyoti Basu,

would refuse the offer and in-stead give his backing to a cen-tre-left coalition known as the United Front government and swiftly refused. Able and reputedly honest, Mr Gowda is unknown outside his native state, Karnataka, where he served as chief minister. A farmer and a vegetarian, he

portrays himself as a simple man, preferring roadside curry stands to New Delhi's posh hotels. Like many other Indian politicians, Mr Gowda leans heavily on pet astrologers. No stargazer, though, could have foreseen the bizarre twist of events that led to him becoming a potential prime minister. He will be India's first prime minister who does not speak Hindi; his native language is Kannada. Mr Gowda is also one of the few lower-caste Hindus elevated to the premiership.

Most prime ministers have belonged either to the priestly Brahmin caste or the Kshatriya warrior caste.

What might make Mr Gowda's government more durable than the BJP's is his moderation. He will press ahead with the economic reforms, started by the Congress, which knocked the 40-year-old rust off India's socialist economy. Mr Gow-da's first task will be to choose who, among the 13 parties in the coalition, are given the key ministerial portfolios. Everyone, it seems, is fighting for the finance and home ministries.

Mr Gowda met last night with the President, who is expected to give him a month before proving his majority in the Lok Sabha. In these tumultuous times of Indian politics, anything could happen by then. In an impasse, the Hindu nationalists are likely to push for



Hot issue: BJP supporters in Bombay burning a flag in effigy of the rival United Front, expected to form the next administration

Conscription drummed out as France gets professional

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The French President, Jacques Chirac, yesterday announced the end of obligatory national service for the country's youth. It will be replaced from the end of next year by voluntary service and a compulsory "citizen's rendez-vous - a short period

emic checks will be carried out and classes given about France's defence.

The decision is the result of three months of consultations, which followed Mr Chirac's speech in February in which he called for the introduction of a professional army over the next six years. Numbers in the mil-

during which health and acad- itary will be reduced by 25 per sent "three days", during which cent to 30 per cent, prompting Mr Chirac to say "we shall no longer need conscripts".

At first the "rendez-vous" will apply to young men aged 18 to 20 and any women who chose to take part.

From 2002 it will become compulsory for both sexes. It is

potential conscripts undergo health and psychological tests. The aim is to reinforce national pride and to give the government sufficient knowledge about the country's youth if an international crisis forced con-

scription to be reintroduced. Philippe Séguin, the parlia-

act at least once in their life and to mark their adherence and attachment to their country".

Those who opt to carry out voluntary service will have three options: a "defence and security service in either the armed forces or the police;

"give young French people the chance to accomplish a positive ministrations and an overseas means of integration for many young people". service. The duration of this voluntary service will vary from 10

Not everyone is in favour of the plans. The leader of the right-wing UDF party, François Léotard, has advocated that conscription should be main-

The leader of the Socialist Party, Lionel Jospin, believes that the proposed "rendezvous" will not be sufficient to

maintain the links between the people and the army. A bill to implement the changes is to be tabled in



Jacques Chirac: Consultations



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Lady Margaret Douglas-Home

Margaret Douglas-Home was a great enabler of young musicians through her work with the Burnham Market Festival, in Norfolk, which she founded in 1974, when she was already in her late sixties, and directed for the next 18 years. At Burnham she provided a platform for a host of performers who have gone on to make their names internationally, including the pianist Roger Vignoles and the opera singers Felicity Lott and Judith Howarth.

Douglas-Home originally started the festival to raise money for repairs for Burnham Westgate, a typical flint north of the green in the picturesque Georgian village of Burnham Market. But the concerts were from the first not just a good cause - they have contributed to the village school and all five villages of Burnham Thorpe and Burnham Market - but an artistic success, becoming fully pro-fessional soon after they were

The contemporary composer most closely associated with the festival is Richard Rodney Bennett, For one festival, he wrote - and joined in performing - a version for four hands at the piano of his waltz from the film Murder on the Orient Express. For the 21st festival, in 1994, he dedicated to Marcaret Douglas-Home a song sequence. The History of the The Dansant, of three poems by his sister Meg Peacocke. The songs have since been performed in London, at the Wigmore Hall, when the score was formally presented to Douglas-Home.

A typical Burnham programme, performed at weekends in August, largely by young musicians - Douglas-Home was for many years on the board of the Royal College of Music - includes a broad mix of chamber music, jazz, literary evenings, and small orchestral concerts. In 1986, Sir Neville Marriner brought his Academy of St Lady Margaret Spencer aged 18

Martin in the Fields to Burnham to play a concert as a memorial to Margaret Douglas-Home's younger son, Charles, editor of the Times and a devoted musical enthusiast, who had died of cancer the previous year.

Margaret Douglas-Home

had a very direct approach to music, which was born out in her playing at the piano, which was both up-tempo and involved. I remember the first time she accompanied me - we were rehearsing a Mozart song for a family concert - and she startled me by the pace at which she launched the second, quicker, section; and knew at once that she was right and that my teacher and I had been rehearsing at quite the wrong speed. She was as much at home in an after-dinner performance of "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" as she was in a trio by Schumann, and up until her 90th year, after several years of being slowed up by emphysema, she was still receiving lessons, and tackling a new piece by Shostakovich.

The last public record of her as a performer is of her playing "Ain't Misbehavin' " and Viennese salon music at her family house, Althorp, in Northampmentary which was prompted by her autobiographical volume A Spencer Childhood (1994) and which it is hoped will be broadcast in the near future.



She was born Margaret Spencer in 1906, the sixth and youngest child of Bobbie Spencer, later sixth Earl Spencer, and Margaret Baring the modest warm-hearted and unconventional daughter of the first Lord Revelstoke, the

It was from the Baring side that Margaret Spencer took was the favourite sister in a talented brood that included the novelist and Russophile Maurice Baring and the two eldest boys, John and Cecil, successively second and third Baron Revelstoke, who turned the fortunes of the family bank around after the great crash of 1890 over which their father had presided. Margaret Baring played the violin to the highest amateur standard, encouraged by her mother, Emily Revelstoke, who was herself a firstrate fiddler and who befriended the leading musicians of the day, including the violinist Madame Neruda, the cellist and composer Alfredo Piatti and the towering Clara Schumann enormously influential as both a teacher and a pianist - all of whom performed in private concerts at the Barings' house

In later life, Margaret Douglas-Home felt this tradition very strongly, even though she had not been able to take it on first hand from her mother, who, already weakened by influenza, had become ill after giving birth to Margaret, and died two days later. The young Margaret's godmother was the Queen, formerly Princess Alexandra, who 20 years previously had gone to hear Clara Schumann play at Emily Rev-elstoke's house in London, a house where Margaret Douglas-Home herself played in 1989.

One poignant product of her mother's death was that in her youth Margaret had usually to spend her birthday without her father, who on the week marking the anniversary of his wife's

death spent much of his time visiting her grave at Althorp and was too moved by grief to spend time with his youngest daughter. Margaret Douglas-Home described this aspect of her childhood in a perfectly achieved article she produced for Country Life in July 1981, the month that her great-niece Diana Spencer was married to

the Prince of Wales. The character of the article is to be found again in her A Spencer Childhood, a delightful, freshly expressed picture of the childhood she spent between Althorp, Spencer House, in London, and a shooting box at North Creake, near Fakenham, in Norfolk. Her brothers and sisters were much older than her and away from home, and she had no Spenoer cousins. She describes how the family musical tradition came to her through her mother's nieces, two sets of sisters: the talented Margaret and Victoria Reid, both fine string players (Victoria's son Leonard Ingrams is the founder and director of the opera festival held each summer at his house Garsington, near Oxford), and Daphne and Calypso Baring. The Baring sisters were beautiful, she wrote,

and different from all the others, even their mother's knitting was unlike the other aunts'. I knew that the girls' frocks were bought at Lanvin, and it always worned me that when they ar-rived on foot for tea, they peeled off their white woolly knickers and laid them on the Lanvin coats. It was their mother who made them different mother who made them different— she was American [Mande Lorillard, daughter of a New York tobacco mag-nate], beautifully nirned out and won-deful to look at. Their drawing-room was painted royal blue, curvic and novel compared to our "off white" one. Their musical parties had taste

With the Reids and the Barings Margaret studied with the Williams brothers - remarkable teachers of strings - and played in family chamber ensembles whose hand-written programmes she preserved in her scrapbooks.

She studied first in England,

piano and violin, and then, after her father's death in 1922, when she was 16, in Paris. She returned to London when she was 18 for her coming-out dance at Spencer House, and studied with the Williams brothers at the Royal College of Music, in London, where both her sisters. Delia Peel and Lavinia

Annaly, had been pupils. In February 1928 the second eldest of her three brothers, Cecil, a naval officer, was thrown from a pony at a polo match in Malta, and suffered a fractured skull. She and her sister Lavinia set off on the long air journey via Italy and reached the island, where their uncle Maurice Baring was by chance visiting, three days before Cecil died. He was buried at sea from his ship HMS Queen Elizabeth, and their uncle Maurice penned an elegy, which ends:

The wreaths thrown over the side And sank And now the own.
With pipe and clarion
And the quick step summoned
every hand And now the band

To carry on.

She was married in 1931 to the ornithologist Henry Douglas-Home, brother of Alec, the future prime minister, and the playwright William Douglas-Home. They set up house in Frognal, north-west London, and had two sons and a daughter; the marriage was dissolved in 1947.

During the Second World War, Margaret Douglas-Home worked with Kenneth Clark in the Publications Department of the National Gallery and went into publishing with Herbert ("Bertie") van Thal, in London, as Home and van Thal. After the Second World War she and her children lived in a Lutyens cottage on the Knebworth estate, in Hertfordshire, before moving to London in 1953.

Since 1946 she and her chilmusical groups. When she stepped down as dren had taken family holidays in the part of Norfolk near North Creake that she had director of the Burnham Market Festival in 1992, and handgrown to love as a child. In ed over to Jenni Wake-Walker.

A very direct approach to music: Douglas-Home in 1958 about 1960 she moved to the wife of her great-nephew David garet Douglas-Home Trust was set up with the object of promoting young musicians, partly but not exclusively by sponsoring their concerts; but also, in the future, through bursaries and grants for

purchasing instruments. Margaret Douglas-Home's

cestor Georgiana Poyntz, wife of the first Earl Spencer and mother of the more celebrated Georgiana Spencer, Duchess of Devoushine. The grounding for this assemblage of fascinating diaries and letters was the work that Margaret's brother Jack, seventh Earl Spencer, had done in the muniments room at Althorp, where, helped by his assistant Miss Finch, he laboured for years in sorting the family correspondence which has provided an invaluable archive to researchers into the famous Spencer collection of family portraits.

Labour

In her own picture of Georgiana Poyntz, Margaret Douglas-Home showed all sorts of intelligent insights, deriving from an easy sympathy with her subject. Sadly, she did not keep her health long enough to see the text into a finished form for publication.

Living for close on nine decades, Margaret Douglas-Home had become something of a survivor, one of the last of her generation in her extensive family, who had to bear not just a motherless childhood and her brother Cecil's death but also surviving both her sons (her elder son, Robin, died in 1968). But despite these losses, she was someone in whom it was difficult to trace self-pity: not in the energy with which she pursued her life; not in her bright eyes set above high cheekbones; and least of all in her characteristic, slightly hoarse, laugh. A laugh that seemed to come right from her diaphragm and which emerged between almost every other sentence that she spoke.

adding:

Alexandra Margaret Elizabeth Spencer, musician, writer, pub-lisher: born London 4 July 1906; Director, Burnham Market Festival 1974-92; married 1931 Henry Douglas-Home (died 1980; one daughter, and two sons deceased; marriage dislast literary enterprise was her work on a biography of her an-

Capt Mike Harvey RN

Mike Harvey was one of the two "Ghosts" of Colditz. While their German captors thought they had both escaped, they remained concealed in the castle for almost a year.

When eventually Harvey was caught just outside the castle walls, the German High Command in Berlin refused to believe the story of the "Ghosts" condition and the crew was orand insisted that, after escaping the previous year, Harvey and ship. They opened the seaturned to the castle of their own tanks. As she sank a sailor who accord. The camp Kommandant, who was not always in tune ble, and it was Harvey's action with the High Command, was which saved his life, for which most indignant at the sugges-tion. "What do they think this the Royal Humane Society place is?" he asked. "A damned hotel, where people come and go as they wish?"

At the outbreak of the Second World War Mike Harvey found himself as First Lieutenant of HM Submarine Undine. Shortly afterwards this submarine was ordered to patrol the area in the German Bight which dominates the actempt, which involved the excess to the Spiel Canal and the Skagerrak which forms the seaman in the adjacent comentrance to the Baltic.

There. Undine was to operate in a zone which was continuously under surveillance from enemy air forces, and in became one of those of a group waters which proved to be so shallow that they were barely sent to Colditz Castle - the safe for submarine operations. home of the "bad boys". In addition it was known that the sea-bed was laid with a multitude of electronic loops which could locate enemy submarines.

At a crucial point of the patrol Undine was presented with an inviting target of an enemy transport, at which she fired a torpedo. Unfortunately this act gave her position away and the rollcall the Germans found that submarine was soon detected by a German surface patrol. On 7 two officers were missing: Lt Mike Harvey RN and his friend

January 1940, 20 miles off Helgoland, Undine was subjected to a fierce depth-charge attack, and in this shallow water there was no escape. Undine was blown to the surface, where, surrounded by coastal vessels and armed trawlers, she suffered continued attack. The submarine was already in a sinking dered to scuttle and abandon was unable to swim was in trou-

Certificate and Bronze Medal. Together with the surviving crew, Harvey was picked up by the German navy and they were made prisoners of war. His first permanent camp was the Kriegsmarine prison of Marlag and Milag Nord at Sandborstell.

It was from this camp that Harvey made his first escape atpound. But the plan went wrong and as a result in the autumn of 1942 he was expelled as an escaper and troublemaker, and Here he took on his

In April 1943 there was an escape attempt by an Anglo-Dutch team but although it went wrong the Germans suspected that some prisoners might have got away. True to their suspicions, at the ensuing

Fit Lt Jack Best RAF. The Germans accepted that they had escaped: but in fact they were never caught. That was not surprising, because they were both still in the castle.

Harvey and Best were in hiding day and night for nearly a year. In the meantime, they could provide "cover" for any of their comrades who escaped by appearing on rollcall in their place to give them a chance to fore they were found to be missing. At the same time it did not stop either of them from taking part in any of the multitude of escape activities going on in the castle.

The spell was only broken when Harvey was caught trying to escape himself. It came as a great shock to his captors when his identity was re-established. Harvey's stint as a "Ghost"

had been a long, dedicated task, a self-sacrificing crusade for the benefit of others. He bad been a "Ghost" for 352 days. The Germans had to decide what manner of charge they should bring against him. This was a difficult case, for he could not be charged for escaping when he had not even left the castle. But in true Teutonic style they found the answer. He was charged with being absent from 1,326 rollcalls, including three Gestapo Appells, for which he was sentenced to 28 days' solitary confinement. He remained in Colditz until the castle was relieved by American

forces at the end of the war. Mike Harvey was born in 1913 and joined Dartmouth Naval College in 1927. After qualifying, he saw service on the China station, before joining the

submarine service.

After the war he continued



lar officer, first in a cruiser in West Indies, then in the rank of Lieutenant-Commander he was appointed captain of the frigate HMS St Austell Bay. After his promotion to the rank of Commander he took up an appointment at the Boys' Training Establishment HMS St Vincent. This was followed by a Naval Staff Course. After he had been promoted Captain in 1954, he was appointed Commanding Officer of the Royal Naval Air Station HMS Blackcap. He retired from the Navy in 1957 and joined the manufacturing company Glynwed International He served with Glynwed for the next 18 years, becoming managing director of one of its subsidiaries until

Harvey was a keen yachtsman and for three or four seasons after retirement he made extensive cruises in the Baltic in his

own sailing cruiser. He played a very substantial part in establishing the organ-isation called "The Norfolk Boat" of which be became the Chairman, and together with the Ocean Youth Club they bought a 73ft sailing yacht, named it The Spirit of Boadicea, and provided her for the benefit and enjoyment of youth organisations, with a Norfolk

Edward Michael Harvey, naval officer: born 29 September 1913; married 1946 June Simpson (one son. three daughters); died Langham, Norfolk 17 May 1996. sity of Oxford, which is re-sponsible for the internal academic management of the university, in 1972, and for two

Duncan Stewart

membered with affection and admiration for the many roles he filled so well in the academic

area permanently, to Burnham

Market. In her first house in the

village, Trimmers, she set up an

antique shop which she ran

until the advent of VAT made

its administration an extra

burden, and played in local

He was born in New Zealand in 1930 into an academic family. During the Depression his father became a schoolteacher, and was appointed headmaster of a Presbyterian secondary school in a remote part of west-(as it then was) where he obtained first class bonours first in another First in Modern

Languages two years later. It was common practice in those days to appoint university lecturers very young, and for Oxford to retain its own graduates. Following this pattern, he was immediately appointed to Wadham College, where in 1957, as another single young male stranger in Britain, I first experienced Duncan Stewart's generous hospitality and cheer-ful company, hallmarks of his

Along with caring for generations of Wadham students, and pursuing his own research, as time passed he became increasingly involved in academic administration, not because of a desire for power, but rather because of a wish to ensure that things ran smoothly and effectively. He was elected by his colleagues to the General Board of the Faculties of the Univer-

years was its chairman. In 1979 he was elected Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, thus becoming the first male head of a former women's coilege.

Lady Margaret Hall was founded in 1878 as the first "academic hall" for women in Oxford. The battle for the acceptance of women into Oxford was fought long and hard, with the five women's ern New Zealand. From there colleges only being granted full ing school, and then attended sity in 1959; and Stewart became Canterbury University College Principal just one year after the college voted to admit men as junior and senior members. French, and then a year later in and just five years after the first Latin. He came to Queen's group of men's colleges (in-College, Oxford, in 1953 as a Rhodes Scholar, adding coeducational Change in Oxford normally

happens very slowly, and the rapid transition from single-sex to mixed colleges was not without controversy. It fell to Duncan Stewart to move Lady Margaret Hall through difficult times, there being less than unanimous support for many of the changes. The opportunities open to female academics, for example, were felt by some to be under threat, and as numbers



of male fellows grew to be sufficient for a male majority on the governing body of the college it was seen as confirmation that such fears were justified. His ability to combine firmness of purpose with tact and sensitivity when dealing with individuals was regularly put to the test. He retired last year from the principalship after 16

Alongside his college activiinvolved in the administration of the university, serving on several central boards and councils. As chairman of the Libraries Board he participated in at least one of the many partially successful attempts to rationalise library arrangements, and his non-confrontational style was a great asset in meet-

ing such challenges of change. Hospitality at the lodgings at "LMH" followed the same hospitable pattern set in his youth; excellent food, generally prepared by his wife Valerie, was accompanied by wines selected with great skill by Duncan, one of his many pleasures. They planned to spend a good deal of retirement time in their French house, where Duncan hoped to read deeply in the French literature he so much admired and enjoyed. Unfortunately that time together has been denied them.

Clark Brundin Duncan Montgomery Stewart, university administrator, born Christchurch, New Zealand 14 February 1930; Lecturer, Wadham College, Oxford 1955, Fel-low 1956-79; Principal, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford 1979-95; married 1961 Valerie Boileau (one son, one daughter); died Oxford 22 May 1996.

his final retirement in 1975. **Paul Sood**

Paul Sood was a man who attracted affection and controversy in coupl measure, who was as well-known by the poorest Hindu as by the most notable Association. politician. Despite rising to hecome one of Leicester's most senior political figures, he never Hindu community's most energetic representatives, as vice-

Holders Association, as a founder of the Leicester Asian Business Association and of the British Indian Councillors

Sood was one of the first Asians in Britain to become a councillor, and recruited many ceased also being one of the other British Indians to become Labour Party members. inspiring some of them to folpresident of the Hindu Council low his example by being electof Leicestershire, as founding ed to public office. He had been

years, first on Leicestershire County Council, then, a year ago, on Leicester City Council, and most recently, just six days before he died, on Leicester's

new unitary authority. He was born in the Indian Punjab in 1942, the son of a leading Congress politician, and never forgot his background. Throughout his political life he insisted that the

Sikhs as a result. But he was also one of the Indian High Commission's closest allies in British politics, and it was his influence with the Commission that established visa surgeries in Leicester - a facility that thousands in the city will continue to thank him for.

After graduating as an engineer at Trent Polytechnic, he became an active trade unionist as Punjab was an integral part of a member of the ASTMS (the secretary of the Indian Passport a councillor in Leicester for 12 India, and fell out with some Association of Scientific, Tech-

nical and Managerial Staffs), be- Leicestershire council's powfore leaving engineering to start his own business, first as an in-surance broker and then as a major impact on Leicester's travel agent.
Paul Sood was never a man

to be quiet, and seldom con-sidered political strategies. Instead, he shouted when he was sure he was right, and persisted when he was ignored. Although he never achieved the political heights that his talents deserved (though he did chair

politics for over a decade.

On several occasions he attempted to become an MP and never doubted that he should have been selected as Labour's parliamentary candidate for Leicester East in 1987. But his bitter 10-year feud with the successful candidate, Keith stand to make sure that there Vaz, owed more to political was an Asian in the contest, and

Kennedy, 1994. On this day: the evac-

thon, St Cyril of Caesarea, St Max-

iminus of Trier, Saints Sisinnius

Martyrius and Alexander, St Theo-

disappointment. Shortly before his death Paul

Sood announced that he was seeking Labour's nomination for the Leicester West parliamentary seat. Although he had only an outside chance of suc-cess, Sood was never a person to give up a fight just because the odds were against him. He told his friends that he had to

disagreements than Sood's that the left of the party had a candidate to vote for.

Paul Sood never spared himself, despite problems with heart disease. He would have wanted to be judged against his final words: "I am only here to serve the community."

Paul Gosling Vijay Paul Sood, politician and community activist: born Punjab, India 7 July 1942; married (two sons); died Leicester 8 May 1996.

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JOSS: On 23 May, peacefully at the Suena Mark, ocarly acked washe of Denms and mother of Tim. Service of thanksgiving at Christchurch, Radlett. on Tuesday 4 June at 12.15pm, following family crema-tion Donations to the Hursh Lung Foundation. 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1 SJR.

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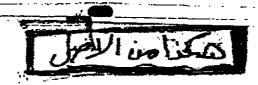
Anniversaries Births: Gilbert Keith Chesterton, author, 1874; John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th US president, 1917. Deaths: Sir

1911; Jacqueline Onassis (Jacqueline Lee Bouvier), widow of Aristotle Onassis and President John F. ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Queen attends a reception given by the Royal School of Church Music, at St the Royal School of Church Music, at St. James's Palace. The Duke of York visits York to mark the 600th anniversary of the granting of the first Charter, visits in exhibition of local enterprise in the Guildhall, York, visits the new One-Step community contre. York, attends a limcheon at the Assembly Rooms, York visits the urban regeneration project at Bell Farm Housing Estate, York, and attends a dinner in Merchant Adventurers' Hall, York. The Princess Royal opens the display by Henry Poole & Co in the Textile and Dress Department, Victoria and reached the summit of Mount Evenest, 1953. Today is the Feast Day of St Bernard of Mount of Meadosia of Constantinople and Saints William, Stephen, Raymund and

Albert Museum, London SW7; and, as President, Royal Agricultural Society of England, attends President's Day at the Moredon Foundation, Pentlands Science Park, Pencark, Midlothian, Princess ence rank, remembs. Maticinian, Princess
Margaret visits the Horse Rangers Association at their Headquarters at the
Royal Mews, Hampton Court Palace. Changing of the Guard

The Household Cavalry Mounted Edg-iment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Herse Guards, 11am; Nijmegen Com-pany Granadier Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Granadier Guards.





the leader page

Labour joins the right: divorced from reality

66 ★ dog's breakfast," Labour's Paul Boateng called it. He has a point. The Bill to reform the divorce laws has been shamelessly hijacked by political opportunism, hypocrisy and unrealistic expectations about the how laws can change behaviour. The combination of Labour's absurd response to the Bill and the machinations of the Tory right have soiled what started life as a sensible reform. Still, even as amended the Bill is an improvement on the current divorce laws, and Labour would be wrong to oppose it for the sake of shortterm political gain.

For some, of course, the tortuous battle over the beleaguered Bill has been worth it. Basil Hume, head of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales, believes the travails of the Family Law Bill in Parliament have led to significant improvements. These include an 18-month waiting period before divorce, rather than the 12 pro-posed in Lord Mackay's original Bill particularly in cases where there are children under 16. For the Archbishop, the extra six months place a greater emphasis on the seriousness of marriage and enhance the chances of reconciliation. Other changes include a statutory provision for marriage sup-port services, for which the Government will have to stump up some cash mediation is to become a reality.

have a dramatic effect upon married life, especially its common end. Three-quarters of today's divorcees split up through the so-called quickie divorce. Accuse your spouse of adultery and the whole thing is over with a flick of the fingers. If this Bill makes the statute books most of those couples would have to wait 18 months before embracing the single life once more. And even the childless spouse who is the victim of a serious matrimonial offence will still have to wait 12 months before getting a divorce.

It sounds draconian. But the current system is in need of reform. The most significant failing in the current legislation is that there is no requirement for divorcing parents to give thought to the consequences of their actions on their children, and no encouragement to mediate disputes, attempt reconciliation, or indeed do anything apart from

engage in an adversarial legal process.
Whatever mistakes have been made
by Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, over the handling and detail of the legislation, the guiding principle under-pinning the exercise was a logical exten-sion of the 1989 Children Act. It was this Act that ushered in a new era of seeking to resolve issues without resorting to orders of the courts and, crucially, the idea that people should begin taking more responsibility for their actions as mediation is to become a reality.

There is no doubt this Bill would far as they affected children. A 12-month delay before a divorce is agreed



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is a small price to pay if it helps to ease negotiations over the children's future. and allows time for changes to be properly and coolly considered.

Sadly that sensible principle has been hopelessly corrupted by politicians seeking to use the issue to position themselves as the true defenders of family values. Thus we have heard Mr Boateng making the case that all divorcing couples should be compelled to attend a session of marriage guidance counselling regardless of their wishes. The same Mr Boateng who wants all couples to go through medi-atation recognises legal provisions to

protect wives from violent husbands are woefully insufficient. If it were simply that Labour was unsure and unclear about where it stands, that would be one thing. But far more worrying is its wilful flirtation with a conservative communitarianism which plays well to the Dail Mail gallery. The debate over divorce is a "dog's breakfast" in part because Labour is so incoherent and inconsistent on the issue.

At the other end of the spectrum, the latest device by which Tory moral fundamentalists hope to reintroduce faultbased divorce is a proposal to allow couples to enter into legally-binding

adultery or intolerable behaviour.

The result of the pressure from the Tory moral fundamentalists, the weakness of the Tory leadership and vacillation in Labour ranks is a flawed Bill and a missed opportunity to tidy up our divorce laws. More emphasis is now being put upon "conduct" in parental disputes over children. The period before a divorce can become effective is too long and in a petty, counter-productive attempt to encourage mediation while saving public money, legal aid claimants will be obliged to make one visit to a mediator before deciding whether to opt for mediation or legal proceedings. It was for these three reasons that the Law Society withdrew its backing from the Bill last week.

By a long way, this is no perfect piece of social legislation. It would be nice to thick a great batter of social very legislation.

think a much better alternative would soon be on offer from a sensible, clear headed Labour Party. But that hope may well be forlorn for a party caught between naked opportunism and a flirtation with a disciplinarian social agenda. Labour should think hard about whether joining forces with the John Pattens and Lady Olga Maitlands of this world is worth it to inflict the most decisive defeat on the Government of the current Parliament. This Bill is far from perfect. Yet it should achieve one of the central goals of any

marriage oaths that could only be bro-ken by desertion, long-term separation, think, plan and provide for their children. A party that is truly committed to family values would support a measure to improve the lot of children when families unavoidably split.

Ditching the Bill now would throw away too much that is constructive along with the bad. Beneath the clamour and the campaigning, the plain fact remains that the current system of divorce is supported by virtually nobody. Lord Mackay's imperfect reforms are the best we may have on offer.

The cosh comes down on Albania

Ibania is a distant country of which Amost people know little and care less. That is the attitude of the many governments (including ours) that have dabbled in its affairs. The sham of an election conducted over the weekend was the result. The ruling Democratic Party was encouraged by the West that it could do anything to get elected, as long as the Socialists (formerly the Communists) were kept out of power. It has used vote-rigging, intimidation and violence. The country has emerged blinking into the sunlight from decades of repression only to find the cosh coming down once again. This time, we have helped to wield it.

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Troubling 'déjà vu' over baby milk Sir: As the spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries

and Food instructed mothers to continue buying milk contaminated with hormonedisrupting plastic softeners, one wonders if he experienced a troubling sensation of *déjà vu* ("Cover-up claim in baby milk chemical row", 27 May). MAFF argues that it is "determined to reduce the levels in the milk but they pose no threat". After its experience with BSE, one would expect some hesitation before declaring contaminated food safe.

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In fact, MAFF does not know what threat these chemicals pose. a here is evidence that humans are experiencing hormone disruption, and these chemicals are prime suspects. If babies face a dose that is even remotely close to that known to cause problems in rats, then the threat must be taken very seriously and the products removed from the shops until the contamination is traced and dealt

In the case of BSE, there was always a danger that infected cattle produce would reach consumers and then cause a human variety of the disease. However, the Government used the absence of evidence for a direct link (in reality a failure to look very hard) to justify its halfhearted response. With BSE, it should have eliminated the disease from British herds rather than trying to co-exist with it by imposing a series of inadequate controls. With contaminated milk. it now faces a similar dilemma. The responsible, precautionary approach would be to remove completely these milk contaminants rather than trying to persuade mothers that their babies CLIVE BATES London N16

Sir: What a bitter irony that the end of National Breastfeeding Awareness Week should be marked by a health scare concerning infant formula ("Sex change chemicals in baby milk", 26 May).

That rogue chemicals phthalates in this case - should have found their way into many brands of infant formula is further evidence that the commonly held belief that breastmilk and infant formula are pretty much the same thing is entirely erroneous. Infant formula manufacturers have played down the significant health advantages of breastfeeding and the health risks associated with bottle feeding. But the composition of breastmilk and infant formula is very different, and the health benefits and protection accruing to the breastfed infant, and also its

mother, are considerable.
The Unicef/UK Baby Friendly Initiative has gathered research on breastmilk which shows that the health benefits for the baby include amongst others, protection against gastroenteritis, chest infections, eczema and cot death, and for the mother, lower risk of ovarian and premenopausal breast

cancer. There are many concerned midwives and health visitors who seek to disseminate good, well-infolined breastfeeding advice, but their task is an uphill one. Breastfeeding has no deeppocketed benefactors and must



What's your poison?

therefore rely on the government for a promotional budget which is estimated to be between 9p and 16p per new baby compared with the £6.25 spent on advertising for each baby born by the infant formula manufacturers. This disparity in promotional spend ensures that the infant formula manufacturers are able to control the infant feeding agenda.

Perhaps the fear provoked by the phthalates scare will have a positive side, and will cause those responsible for delivering health care to pregnant women to reappraise their approach to the promotion of healthy infant feeding. ADRIENNE FULLERION Baby Milk Action London E18

Gambling with **Ally Pally**

Sir: The Treasury Solicitor has emphasised the "risk" that Haringey has taken with its grandiose redevelopment of Alexandra Palace whose debt has spiralled out of control ("£55m Ally Pally losses leave 20-year

legacy of cuts", 27 May).
At the public inquiry into the scheme in 1982 Haringey promised that it would not put a penny on the rates. Confronted with the fact that the debt amounts to over 50,000 pennies for each rate payer, Toby Harris, the council leader, now declares that this ancient promise is "inoperative". Neither the Charity Commission nor the District Auditor, who should have put a cap on the debt years ago, can plead ignorance; they have been

kept informed as the scandal has unfolded. But they too appear likely to escape unscathed. Risk is unavoidable. If

Haringey's gamble had paid off -improbable though that was given the evidence available at the time they would have reaped the political benefit. But if there is never an equivalent penalty to be paid for getting it wrong, there is nothing to dissuade councillors from accepting the next one-way bet they are offered. JOHN ADAMS

Sir: Development? What development? North London needs every inch of green landscape it can get. The outrageous act of building on the stretch of green breathing-space at the palace and park would make the losing of £55m look almost enlightened. Dr DAVID FLEMING

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Sustaining the growth of cities

Sir: Professor Peter Smith's comment (letter, 27 May) on Geoffrey Lean's article on the UN "city summit" highlights the major problem of energy demand created by the growth of cities, but takes too little account of the problem of energy, food and job shortage in rural areas as a cause of that growth. This is seen for example in the depredation of forests through human and cattle

population growth in the Northern Punjab and Kashmir watersheds (and related shortage of agricultural land) and the growth of Mirpur, Sialkot and

Gujranwala.
Growth of eight per cent per annum of the population of Gujranwala is sustainable and relative stability of rural populations in Northern Punjab is possible partly because of income from labour migration to the Gulf, partly through industrial growth and partly through water resources development. But this has also been made possible through the effective use of credit systems supported by the World Bank family (but also massively by the State Bank), permitting a dramatic development of a small scale owner farmer agricultural system and of irrigation and hydro-power, industrial development and a "sites and services" programme for the labour that comes from the

countryside. The reason why cities grow is that they are a massive boon to society, and because where circumstances prevent this growth deprivation, conflict, human degradation and destruction of the environment occur. The answer is indeed international co-operation. but also to create and sustain the resources needed for the inevitable continued growth of cities, recognising that this means relating city and industrial growth to agricultural and rural development. JOHN PILGRIM

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Divorce patterns set in childhood

Sir: Laying aside the fecklessness factor – which is real and worrying – I would hazard that most people enter unhappy and therefore destructive marital relationships because this is a pattern which has been set for them in childhood by inadequate parenting (Polemic, Melanie Phillips and Polly

Toynbee, 24 May).
If you take Melanie Phillips's attitude - that you make your bed and lie on it - you are effectively condemning those who have already known unhappiness in childhood to unhappiness in adult life also, should they be so unfortunate as to marry someone not able to help them resolve the problems of the past.

It may well be that such persons, and there are many of them, will need the help of outside agencies to achieve this difficult goal, but locking them in relationships from which they can only escape with further damage to their already depleted selfesteem hardly seems the charitable way forward. ANGELA PARTINGTON Appleton, Oxfordshire

Sir: The children of a broken marriage are more likely than others to regard divorce as the only way out of stress between married couples. They will not be able to see that people who stay married are not "spitting in the wind of change" as Ms Toynbee

suggests. It's just that they have found a more mature way of dealing with their differences so that neither their children nor society will suffer. D GOODMAN What About the Children

Legacy of gas production

Sir: British Gas, the owners of the proposed Millennium site in Greenwich (report, 17 May), seem to have kept a remarkably low profile in the debate about how the development is to be funded. The main problem with the site is the legacy of 100 years of gas production - and the apparent generosity of British Gas in donating the site is very much a poisoned chalice.

At a time of almost universal consensus that the polluter should pay the cost of decontaminating polluted land and when British Gas is brimming with profits, is not the case for them sponsoring the site overwhelming? ANDREW C BLUNDY London SE7

Berlin banner

Sir. The series of articles on your foreign pages about the current state of the Jewish Diaspora is very interesting and informative. But "To Remember To Live" is a clumsy and inaccurate translation of the Berlin banner. Why not "Memory is Life"? JANET LAMING Cambridge

Burma: cruelty and kindness

Sir: I recently returned to Burma sm: I recently returned to Burma after a 54-year absence (travel column, 25 May). I had agonised over whether or not to go; whether it would be colluding with an odious tyrancy or whether the increasing presence of foreigners might give hope to a cruelly imprisoned people. In the end, I went; not with a tour but travelling by myself. I squashed into sardine cans of trucks, met ordinary Burmese and used my eyes and ears.

During the month I spent in Burma, people risked imprisonment - and probably torture - to talk to me about the military regime and the crimes it had committed: its cruelty, its ruthlessness, its stupidity. All loathed and despised the thugs who oppressed them.

The much-vaunted stability of the country is a sham. It's about as stable as the old buildings in Rangoon, spick and span painted in front and filthy and falling to bits at the back. Burma is a country of chain gangs, torture and corruption. It's also a potential tourist gold mine which is why the Japanese and Chinese are pouring money in. While the American State Department complains about human rights abuses our government remains silent.

If Aung San Suu Kyi had said four months ago "Please don't go to Burma" I wouldn't have gone. I was a small child there and had memories of kindness, laughter and warmth. Those qualities incredibly - are still evident, but I won't go back until the National League for Democracy is in power. KATE MENZIES London W8

Church prejudice Sir: In criticising Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury,

for knowingly ordaining homosexuals, the Rev Nigel Scotland refers to the belief that the Church of England is losing members at a rate of 300 per day (letter, 27 May).

He overlooks the possibility that at least a proportion of those leaving may be giving up on the Church precisely because of the persistence within it of ancient prejudices such as the view that homosexuality is sinful. Open and honest acceptance of the role which homosexuals do play (and probably always have played) in its ministry is the only way forward for the Church of England on this issue.

Supporters of any other attitude must say goodbye to the ability of the Church to comment without hypocrisy on any issue of sexual morality or prejudice, and indeed to such capacity as it may possess to speak in the modern world for a tolerant and caring form of Christianity.

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Crossroad rage

Sir: You write "perhaps the earliest example of road rage was in 1817" ("End of our love affair with the car?", 25 May). There is a much earlier candidate: the altercation between Oedipus and his father at the crossroads. The Greeks, as ever, were there first ELIZABETH CRAIK Department of Greek University of St Andrews

A year ago Newt Gingrich was leading a right-wing revolution sweeping across America. So what went wrong?

By Garry Wills

Republicans only last year took charge of the Congress and the nation? It was announced that Peggy Noo-nan, the Reagan-Bush speech writer, would go back to Washington to do a book on the Revolution. The new Speaker of the House was sworn in with the trappings of a presidential installation. His first Hundred Days were finished with a prime-time address on network TV. There was a nice blend of populism and pedagogy in the ascendancy of the professor from an out-of-the-way college - Dr Newt Gingrich Beyond merely studying history, these

were people come to make it. Pundits debated whether Gingrich would become president in 1996 or wait until 2000. Others seriously asked if that would not be a demotion, since the election had made Congress the centre of government. Democrats looked cowed, because they were. Republicans looked invincible, because they thought they were. Bliss was it in that dawn to be

But to be young was very

Wordsworth's poem on the French Revolution might have been written for the heady opening days of the Gingrich Era, when all things seemed

The President could do little to affect or deter what was happening. Rarely, it seemed. had a movement united so large a constituency so unequivocally. Welfare, bureaucracy, regulations, career politicians for all of these the End had come. Madame Noonan was knitting purple prose beside the guillotine.

The very giddiness was ominous. But who could have predicted that a year later, Clinton would be regnant? Gingrich was not the leader of his party lower than the sinking approval rate for Congress in general and the Republican party in particular. Revolutions are known to devour their own; but it seemed that this one barely had time to develop an appetite before it gulped down Gin-

What happened? The villain in the piece was, as is usual in such cases, also the hero. Gin-

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grich was undone by his own techniques, he did not suspect that mere destruction destroys itself. A quick-change artist, he thought he could change society with political tools, which is like changing the weather with a thermometer.

It would be hard to overstate the audacity of Gingrich's Contract With America. No one had ever before tried to create a national mandate from congressional elections. Yet electing policy. All they determine is who will be carrying out policy for a while.

If a presidential mandate is shadowy at best, what can one expect of a congressional "mandate," assembled from so many different regional contests. embodied in no single spokesperson, reflecting agendas and urgencies not universally shared? It is one of the many ironies of Gingrich's movement that, while professing to return government to state and local levels, he urged candidates at those levels to run a national campaign, restricting their campaign themes to those dictated by his national "brain

More important than the items included in the Contract were those excluded. Divisive issues were suppressed for the duration of the campaign abortion, school prayer, gun ownership. The point was to concentrate on areas of maximum agreement. The goal was to win. After getting control of the Senate and House, Gingrich assured the restive, Republicans could reward their friends, take care of the gun lobby, cut off funds for abortion and so on.

Once the issues were chosen, the polister Frank Luntz was asked to find the most seductive ways of phrasing each point. He found that even the word "Republican" was too divisive for inclusion, so the Republican Contract became just the Contract With America. Terminological sugar-coating would be important throughout the Revolution. Yet despite the Republican National Committee's expenditure (\$265,000) to disseminate the Contract in TV Guide form, only 17 per cent of voters said they were aware of it. Those who knew about it were hazy on its contents.

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Victor and vanquished: Republicans came to fear Clinton was playing Gingrich 'like an organ.'

a campaign tool. It probably did and, through them, required sway a marginal portion of the voters. But only those bemused by a metaphor can think that the American people entered into a binding compact. The Contract language was invented to please people tired of politics as usual. "Sec," it

said, "we are not your normal politicians making promises: we are contracting with you to do what you want and if we fail to do it throw us out". If voters fell for that hocus pocus, well and good for the

so in love with his own invention that he fell for it himself. Gingrich wanted to hold the American people to a contractual obligation they supposedly assumed when they voted Republican. When some Republicans in the House were tempted to waver, Gingrich held them to the Contract -

the people to "keep their bar-gain". He said his model was Sergeant Stryker, the John Wayne character in Sands of Iwo Jima, who must be hard on his troops so they will perform well in battle.

Congressmen tempted to falter under the Gingrich discipline were lured back by the extraordinary access to money he was providing. Here is the second major irony of the Revolution. Term limits had to be included Republicans. But Gingrich was in the Contract, since they were especially popular with the key Perot voters. Perot had inveighed against incumbents who became tools of the Guccishod lobbyists. Yet no one has done more to butter up the lobbies than Gingrich. Moneyraising by congressional office-holders has far surpassed all Democratic equivalents, giving members a big head start for

> election year. After years of attacking Democrats' corrupt use of incumbency to please lobbyists, Gingrich came not to destroy but to perfect that practice and to carry it to new heights. His excuse was revolutionary necessity. If money was needed to pass the Contract, that was justified by the fact that the Contract was the people's will. The alleged mandate excused any tactics needed for its implementation. In this way, the Contract became a money-washing machine. Dirty cash,

> their races in the presidential-

processed through it, came out would be broken by "train

Gingrich likes to think of politics as war (or a war movie). As he told a group of Young Republicans: "I think one of the great problems we have in the Republican Party is that we don't encourage you to be nasty." The obverse of sugarcoating one's own proposals Opponents were not just wrong

sick, or insane - favourite Gin- cut off certain funds within its in negotiation - a luxury Gingrich adjectives. "The Sixties" power of the purse - for the Gingrich likes to think of politics as war.

Opponents were 'vicious, corrupt, sick'

was a term invokable any time armed services (including vetsome nut shot another person, or TV got violent, or writers were more sexually explicit than Gingrich had been in his own mildly racy novel.

Yet the very speed with which he drove the Contract through the House began to look like an empty exercise as things bogged down in the Sen-ate. Bob Dole, the then Senate leader, said there was no point to offering legislation in a form satisfactory to Contract supporters if the bills would be

etoed by the President. Faced with this problem. Gingrich decided to go straight for the major obstacle. He would break the President's power entirely. "Gridlock"

The instrument Gingrich chose to shove his dynamite into the logiam was forcing the government to adhere to the balanced budget. In any true was to drench the other side in sense, the Constitution does the language of revulsion. not permit Congress to "shut down' the government. Anyway Congress would not dare to

wreck". The government, Rea-

gan had taught Republicans to

believe, was the problem, not

the solution. All right, then

shut the government down.

erans' hospitals), or federal law-enforcement agencies. The "shutdown" had to suspend certain services, not government. Even on such limited terms, this move was a maxithe year, became snappish and mum strike; if it failed, there weepy. On 6 December, in the middle of the budget crisis, was no bigger weapon left in the arsenal. And it was imporwhen he learned that a special tant to make the President look

of services - a difficult thing. This provoked the showdown over the budget late last year that led to the Federal government being closed down with thousands of workers left unpaid. Gingrich was confident that Clinton "had no backbone". Once again he fell for his own rhetoric. He was so con-

responsible for the suspension

would keep a list, and "If any of you [on the list] come up and talk about how the team's got to help you out. I don't want to hear about it." Gingrich had used his own supposed adamance as a bat-

temptuous and dismissive of

the opposition that he under-

estimated it. His own troops'

anti-government rhetoric made

light of the consequences of cut-

ting off federal funds. Leaving

federal workers unpaid, week

after week, put a human face on

"the bureaucracy". Punishing

actual people is not the same as

making ideological jokes about

The President, while refusing

to crumple at the first assault.

showed a sweet reasonableness

grich was not permitted. Gin-

Gingrich, who had shown

amazing stamina for most of

down "sobbing like a child, heaving and shaking". Earlier,

his petulance out of control, he

had said that he had closed

down the government because

of a snub on [The Presidential plane] Air Force One.

the worthless government.

tering ram, but in the final rush on the wall, the battering ram had shattered, not the wall People's perception of Gingrich as a purely negative force led to the reaction against him personally, making him the most unpopular politician on the national scene. Even those who disliked Gingrich had, heretofore, credited him with were wondering about that.

lack of manners and courtesy.

Gingrich realised that he was making a mistake. He could not

control himself. Gingrich's

sense of affront came from an

assurance about his mandate.

As polls showed that the longer

the suspension of government

went on, the more Republicans

were blamed, Gingrich had to

strike a deal. His gung-ho

troops were against surren-

der", so the disciplinarian who

had earlier held them to their

pledges now ordered the aban-

donment of them. Meeting with

the Republican caucus. Gin-

grich issued his personal fiat: "This is a team vote and we're

going to do this as a team.

We're all wearing the same jer-

seys today. Sometimes you don't agree with the plays that are called. But this is the way

What would happen if any-

one did not vote with the team?

Gingrich said he would not

we're going."

The crowning irony is that Gingrich did more than anyone or anything else to make Clinton look good. It had been a hackneyed journalistic theme that these two men were cerily alike self-indulgent baby boomers with no military service, good counterpunchers, glib, proud of their ability to talk themselves out of trouble. But when the two were brought together for protracted negotiations, though Clinton may not have grown, he seemed to have, so precipitately did Gingrich shrink.

grich had inspired his troops with an intransigence to which he was now held hostage. Rev-Clinton had the better feel for his adversary, as he does for olutionary leaders end by trying to out-radical each other - Danpeople in general. Gingrich is the bright boy who has to show ton and Marat are succeeded by you all be knows at once. His air Saint-Just and Robespierre. of certitude makes him brittle. When Gingrich seemed to lose He began to suspect what other the revolutionary fire in his Republicans were sure of, that belly, others were pushed for-Clinton was "playing him like an ward to make sure he was not organ". One of the things to be aid of Clinton is that there is a full (if flawed) human being behind the facade. It is hard to feel confident about that in Gingrich's case. The contrast shows up in Clinton's almost comically large circle of real counsel had been appointed to investigate his ethics, he broke friends. Gingrich has a thou-sand allies and no friends. It must have been a shock for

Peggy Noonan, still patient by the guillotine, when the head that plopped into the basket

This is an extract from a longer Even as he was talking, com-plaining about the President's Books © 1996 NY Rev Inc.

The Time Lord lands in a period drama

he BBC was always fond of repeating programmes, repeating ideas as well. Dear old Dr Who is back on our screens after all these years. Jane Austen is never off our screens. The corpse of 'Call My Bluff' has been revived and is have daytime TV: 'Just William' keeps coming back. ... It's only a matter of time before the BBC desperately tries to combine them all in one glorious edition of ... Dr Who And the Battle For Regency England

The scenc is an 18th-century drawing room. Three young sisters. Katie, Emma and Caroline, are sitting on a sofa, sewing and talking about young men in general and husbands-to-be in particular.

Katie: I sometimes think how wonderful it would be if some young gentleman would pay a call totally unannounced and break the tedium of the afternoon!

Emma: Don't look now, but I think you may well have your request granted. All this time, through the window, she and we can see a

police hox labelled 'Tardis'

materialising in the garden, and Dr Who emerging, looking rather dazed. The girls rush to the window. He spies the front door and moves towards it, and they rush back to their seats. Moments later he enters the drawing room and addresses

Dr Who: Ladies, may I ask you something? Katie: Sir, we have not been introduced.

Dr Who: There is not time for that, I fear. I need to know one thing immediately. In what century are we? Katie: A gentleman, sir,

need not know what century it is to have some manners. A knowledge of etiquette is more important than a knowledge of chronology. Emma: Katie, can you not

see that the young man is in some trouble? This is no time for social games. To Dr Who. We have just entered the 19th century, sir. These are Napoleonic times.

Dr Who: Are they, by heavens? Then where are the Tarjeets?

Emma: There is no family of that name in this neigh-



Miles Kington

bourhood, sir. Are they of good stock? Dr Who: They are small,

four-armed creatures whom I am pursuing through the time spectrum. I must catch them before they bring the Jewel of Tryggvasar back to the Palace of Sighs and change the result of the Napoleonic Wars.

Caroline: They have jewels? They sound interesting. Are they handsome?

Dr Who: No. They are very warty and their ears are Caroline: Hmm. Even so, if they have many jewels ... A

girl cannot pick and choose for Dr Who: With your permis-

As he leaves, the girls look at each other meaningfully, for Dr Who is very handsome. But before they can sit again, a small tousled boy with muddy marks on his face enters, holding a letter. It is William. William: Excuse me, but

I'm tryin' to find a Miss Emma to give a letter to. I've walked all round Hadleigh trying to find a girl called Emma and they're all called Susie and Peggy and silly of names like that. I don't know why girls can't have sensible names like Red Hand and

Carla the Kidnapper ... Emma: I am called Emma. From whom is the letter? William: From my brother

Robert. He wants to marry you. I hope you do, so that he can move out of the house and I can have his bedroom. And his bike. Emma: Marry him ? But I

don't even know him! William: That's all right, I know him a sight better than I would like to. If there's anything you want to know, you can ask me ...

Emma: Well, what is he like? Has he any money? William: He orders you about the whole time, he hates you goin in his wardrobe and he's just got £5 because he's

sold his airgun. Emma: And with only that, he wants to be my suitor? William: I dunno, What's a

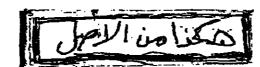
Katie: A suitor is a man who wants your hand in marriage. Emma: No. actually, a suitor is a sea bird found in Chile which makes a noise like

football crowd. Caroline: Actually, a suitor is the name that they gave in Victorian times to the device that kept suits well pressed on

damp nights. Enter Dr Who, as chairman of the game.
Dr Who: So there we have

"suitor", defined three ways. It's a sea bird, a man who proposes marriage or ... He looks at William for the first time. By heavens! Are you one of the Tarjeets?

Coming soon on the BBC - part two! Well, just as soon as we have repeated part one a few times.



the commentators

No one really wins in this life-and-death lottery Randomised clinical trials of new medicines present a dilemma for doctors, who want results, and patients, who just want to be cured A re you willing to be a guinea pig? Pertags, in some cir. A re you willing to be a guinea pig? Pertags, in some cir. A current of the public good, you might agree to the public good you might

Randomised clinical trials of new medicines present a dilemma for doctors, who want results, and patients, who just want to be cured

tion? More and more patients are now refusing and, as a result, a large number of Medical Research Coun-cil-backed clinical trials are being abandoned. The money is there, the doctors are keen, the statisticians are standing by their computers - but

the patients will have none of it. Professor David Machin, one of the MRC's chief statisticians, says many trials are collapsing because patients want treatments, not experiments. In the old days before ethics committees obliged doctors to get genuinely informed consent from patients, the issue was often fudged. Nowadays, patients read about treatments and they know what they want. They may be wrong, but they have opinions.

Examples: a trial of brain tumour treatment has been abandoned because only one patient in two years was willing to enter it. The trial was designed to find out whether that the tumour be taken out.

It was not a question of allowing them to choose which they had. To make the trial properly scientific, their treatment had to be selected by computer. It was this element of luck they couldn't abide. But if they had been allowed to choose or if their doctors had chosen for them, then the statisticians would have declared the trial invalid.

Another trial is collapsing: doctors suspect that conventional chemotherapy may be as effective in treating childhood leukaemia as bone marrow transplants, which are more painful and expensive. They asked parents to allow their children to go into a random trial, but the parents refused. They want the transplant, not the chemotherapy, because they've read about it as a successful treatment. The same is happening with prostate cancer trials - men are demanding to have the

Doctors' powers of persuasion are considerable. If a doctor recommends one or other course of action, the patient would probably accept it. What patients don't like, quite rightly, is for a doctor to refuse to give an opinion and to offer them a random trial instead. The offer to join a trial can be sin-

gularly uninviting. I have twice refused, though I admit I felt ashamed at doing so. It is part of one's civic duty to help medicine along, but when your own life is on the line, science takes a back seat. As I had a high family risk of breast cancer, I was asked to join a trial to see if the drug tamouffen prevented high-risk women from getting cancer.

First, the doctor had to persuade me

that tamoxifen looked like a good bet.

It might have some side-effects, but early indications suggested it also

might prevent cancer. Now that is a clear choice. But when the doctor goes on to say: "Ah,



Trials collapse because people want treatment, not experiment

but I'm not offering tamoxifen. I'm offering a randomised trial, so neither you nor I will know if you are getting it or a sugar pill," then that is deeply disturbing. You screw up your nerve to accept a treatment — then you don't know if you are getting it or not. Are you having side-effects or is it imaginary? I said no, and I had noth-ing. (This may have been a mistake, but how am I to know?)

I am not alone. In the early days of AZT in America, a group of Aids

that they could all get at least some of the AZT. The trial was wrecked. Random trials make a lottery of life, but then unscientifically proven medicine is anyway a lottery. Later I did develop breast cancer.

Once it was chopped out, I was offered another randomised trial. I would be allocated tamoxifen. tamoxifen and radiotherapy, just radiotherapy or nothing. I was sure my distinguished specialist had a hunch which treatment he thought best. He might not prove it scientifically, but he must have an idea and I demanded the benefit of his experience. He would not give it. At this point, any patient wonders whether the imperatives of science are interfering with the doctor's imperative to do the best possible for his patient.

So I went for a second opinion from a specialist not engaged in this trial. I gleaned from him the general view that tamoxifen was a pretty good bet and radiotherapy in my

impossible it becomes to find out which treatments work. And yet for a doctor to withhold his opinion in order to coerce you into a trial seems to me to verge on the unethical, where scientific ends justify the

dubious means. The reason we need trials is that cancer treatment is an absurd lottery anyway, with doctors up and down the country doing quite different things. We may beg a doctor to give his best advice, but his hunches may be no better than a randomised trial. Without trials, no one knows what works, but there are good reasons

why patients say no.

I have spoken to many doctors and researchers over the last few days. Some are crisply scientific - the trials must continue on the old basis. Others hope the statisticians will come up with better ways to assess make choices for themselves. Pro-

patients were offered AZT only if case was probably not necessary. fessor Machin says that can't be they entered a double blind trial. Armed with this reassuring advice, done: if doctors advise patients done: if doctors advise patients which treatment to take, the trials

Professor Ian Kennedy, leading medical ethicist, thinks this is an intrinsic ethical problem: if doctors suppress their own advice, they compromise their duty to patients. "They may justify it by claiming a higher morality. Or else they just say, I'd like to do this trial, I've got the money, sod the ethics. If research s an imperative, that way lies Nuremberg". Another leading can-cer doctor said: "Oh God, don't talk to the ethics people. What do they know about science?" Another pointed out wryly that doctors and nurses are the hardest to persuade into randomised trials.

This issue produces not just a conflict of interest between the individual and the general good. It reveals a fundamental divide between a vision of medicine as cold science and medicine as art, a healing magic to make us feel good. No one knows the answer to this dilemma - but it is making the outcomes while letting patients onward march of medicine consid-

The latest Americanised resurrection of the Time Lord is not the character loved by fans, says the science fiction writer Kim Newman

Who has been exterminated

William Hartnell's Doctor Who coilapsed at the end of an episode. The next week, with no pre-publicity I can remember, the Doctor got up again, transformed into Patrick Troughton. Watching Paul McGann on Monday night as the latest incarnation of the BBC's long-serving hero is a similarly bizarre, half-satisfying experience. The only feature the new film retains as its fixed point in time and space is that blue phone box, phased out so long ago in real life that the BBC eventually took over the

copyright on the design. For faithful fans, the Doctor has been away since 1989, when Sylvester McCov - an oddball in a panama hat who I was never able to square with my belief in the Doctors from Hartnell to Tom Baker - had the show cancelled out from under him by a BBC dissatisfied with falling ratings and, it must be said, very choppy quality. For thirtysomethings like me, the Doctor has been away a lot longer. My first television memory is of "The Dalek Invasion of Earth", which I saw in 1964, at my grandmother's house two weeks before my parents bought a television set. and populated entirely by

with the show, becoming more sophisticated along with it, well into the 1970s. Doctors regenerated, mini-skirted sidekicks came and went, the shuffling Daleks were replaced by the more versatile Master as most favoured villain, Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart reported to an unseen woman prime minister (a rare accurate prediction of the future) and we actually discovered a few things

about the Time Lords. I had to get out a reference book to work out just when I stopped watching Doctor Who. It was in late 1977, half-way through Tom Baker's tenure, partly because I became a university student and grew out of

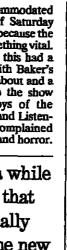
ne Saturday a lifestyle that accommodated teatime in 1966, even the notion of Saturday teatime, and partly because the show itself lost something vital. Now, I understand this had a great deal to do with Baker's inclination to lark about and a need to lighten up the show because the killjoys of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association complained about the violence and horror.

> It took me a while to realise that what I really missed in the new version was the monsters

Though I liked the show's eccentric humour, I was one of those kids who loved its horror. For its first 15 years, Doctor Who managed to be genuinely scary despite its rubber creatures. Star Trek presents a cosy

tiny universe where any problems can be solved within 47 minutes; Doctor Who, at its height, depicted a universe that was vast, multifarious, hostile My whole generation stuck species (the British army included) intent on destroying everyone else. Then, with its pantomime knockabout and that bloody robot dog, it lost the plot. I sampled episodes from the Peter Davison, Colin Baker and Sylvester McCoy eras, but

> ation than I suspect some diehard Whovians will be. The revelation of seeing a shot-on-film "Who" that is well-lit and atmospheric - something the show hasn't been since its very earliest studio monochrome days - is so strong that, in his first-reel cameo, even Sylvester McCoy comes across well, sug-



they weren't Doctor Who for

upset by the McGann regener-



Daleks: at its height, Doctor Who's universe was vast and hostile and populated by species intent on destroying everyone else

gesting the melancholy of an outcast from his own planet who can never fit in on Earth. And when he regenerates as a chattering loon who slowly accrues personality as he picks up clothes, it is clear that this Time Lord is establishing a quite promising reading of the

Paul McGann may well be the best actor ever cast as Doc-tor Who and - considering that other names linked with the part in the past few years include Michael Crawford, David Hasselhoff and Eric Idle - he is the miraculous survival of a production that otherwise stently doesn't quite work. More money has been spent

on this TV movie than was allotted to entire seasons of the old show, which means it has had to be an international coproduction, set in San Francisco and shot in Canada.

It seems to me that a great deal of British popular television can only benefit from the vigour of the American approach. The upping of production values and narrative drive when applied to traditionally British, strong scripting and acting boosted the first seasons of Prime Suspect, Cracker and Between the Lines. But Doctor Who is really hurt by the need for car chases, a cocky ethnic sidekick, a second-rate, direct-to-video villain (Eric

Roberts is blithely unaware that he is taking over the role of the Master from anyone, thus failing to respect his predecessors' reading in the way McGann does). The swelling strings to accompany the sentiment are wholly inappropriate.

It took me a while to realise that what I was really missing in the new Doctor Who was the monsters. There was a transparent snake bearing the Master's soul, but the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association seems to have banished the Daleks, the Cybermen, the Yeti and the rest. To me. Doctor Who - following the Quatermass tradition and uncannily prefiguring the likes of Alien and

The X-Files - was always a horror show with sci-fi rationale, Losing that means reducing its power enormously. With the money, there was no excuse for not coming up with a really impressive, really frightening vil-

There has been a fuss about the inclusion of an understated romance with the blandly American heroine, which is not quite as unprecedented as it sounds. given the very early years of the show. Remember, Hartnell had a granddaughter, and anoraks will remind you that there have been two instances of Time Lords settling down romantically with humans as ways of writing out supporting characters.

This development means little in plot context but fractures the whole essence of the Doctor's character. Quite apart from the fact that it turns him into a knock-off of Mr Spock, it means that he becomes half-

American. We can't really complain that Yanks co-opt our popular culture - how often have you cringed at the "aw shucks" accents Disney gave Winnie the Pooh or Peter Pan? - since we, represented by institutions such as the BBC, seem so eager to give it away in the name of international sales. But barricades should be put up around Doctor Who.

Once and for all, Pride and Prejudice is not supposed to be a soap opera with nice frocks: EM Forster meant Room With a View as an indictment of the values embodied in the film by James Ivory (an American), and - just as Vulcans are at once alien and American -Time Lords are at once alien and British.

I'm glad to have Doctor Who back, but, though promising, this regeneration hasn't taken yet. There's still extraneous American DNA floating around the matrix, perhaps left there by the Master. It needs to be purged if the Doctor's career is to extend into the new millennium.

The writer's latest novel is 'The Bloody Red Baron' (Simon &

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Simple preacher tries on a pontiff's robes

The globetrotting Archbishop of Canterbury is setting himself an unreachable goal, says Paul Vallely

he Archbishop of Canterbury is starting to look like an Anglican pope. This month it has been the United States and before that it was Singapore, Bosnia, Spain and Portugal, Egypt and Sudan. Since he took office George Carey has made more than 40 overseas trips, already over-taking the number undertaken by his predecessor Robert Runcie, who was the first at Canterbury to travel widely.

Traditionally, church historians are fond of saying that an archbishop of Canterbury has at least four jobs. He is a diocesan bishop, Primate of All-England, chaplain to the nation and the leader of the communion of churches throughout the world whose 7() million members trace their roots back to the church in England. It is in this last area that papal comparisons

But the Pope in Rome is a different creature in many ways. He has juridical authority with, in the words of the First Vatican Council, "immediate universal jurisdiction". He is a head of state, with embassies around the world. He is the head of a government run by a huge bureaucracy with a billion Catholics, nominally at least, in its sway. Up his sleeve a pope always has the card of blind obedience, though most are too smart to play it. But when the Pope snaps his fingers

a lot of people jump. By contrast, an archbishop of Canterbury's official authority is limited to

to manipulate some of the General Synod's decisions. And he does not have legal powers in other Anglican provinces. Nor can he steamroller the Lambeth Conference which every 10 years brings together all the world's Anglican bishops.

How many divisions has the Pope,

Stalin famously sneered. Had he been asking the question of Canterbury he might have thought in terms of mere "I am not an Anglican pope,"

Robert Runcie was foud of saying pri-vately to those whom he felt had failed to understand the subtle nature his relationship to Anglicans around the world. For Anglicans authority is moral rather than juridical. Their archbishop is expected to maintain unity merely through "bonds of affec-tion" and the sense that all Anglicans can trace their roots back to the first archbishop of Canterbury, Augustine, in 597. There is much talk about Canterbury as primus inter pares with analogies concerning the Queen and the Commonwealth.

He is thus, depending on what kind of Anglican you are, the next best thing to an Anglican pope or a far better thing - for there is no risk of a pontifical dictatorship imposing a homogeneous orthodoxy insensitive to the qualities of the local culture.

But the Anglican style of leadership, requiring nuance and artful persuasion

the diocese of Canterbury. He is able is risky. For it cannot rely on the dig-justice and broad-minded decency. nity of the office if there is a duff man at the top. The success or failure of the enterprise depends entirely on the skills of that single individual.

Hence the eyebrows that were being arched in the direction of Los Angeles, where Dr Carey has been visiting, this week. Especially after Lord Runcie's oblique attack on the style of his successor last week, which he described as "preachy" in style and

"The whispering is that Carey hasn't got the intellectual depth'

"management church" in substance.

Carey's Church of England plc has diminished still further the mystique and awe that the Roman papacy, for all its failings, is still able to command. But the distinctions between Dr Runcie and Dr Carey go deeper. The two men are rather differently regarded by churchmen and women abroad. Dr Runcie's reputation was coloured by his battles with Margaret Thatcher's government in the Eight-ies. Abroad, his political nous was given credit for the church being one of the few institutions that survived Thatcherism and continued to speak for England as the voice of fairness,

"Runcie's' patrician approach com-manded respect, especially as people knew of the substance behind it – that he had stood out against Margaret Thatcher," said one distinguished Indian cleric. By contrast, "Carey sounds like a commoner and has no comparable achievement behind him. He should play to his strength and spend his time at the grassroots with the common people. Instead, he fol-lows the Runcie model of meeting with statesmen and politicians: his grand philosophical statements about the limits of fundamentalism and his political manoeuvrings don't somehow fit his persona very well."

This churchman spoke with affection, but not everyone does. "The whispering over the coffee cups is that Carey hasn't got the intellectual depth," said one critic. "Because he has no power he is left only with ponderous exhortation; he has a whingeing rather than a commanding style," said another. "It comes across as a curious mixture of arrogance with ignorance.

Critics offer many examples. They complain of Dr Carey failing to upbraid a senior Rwandan churchman for his role in endorsing massacres, of insensitive remarks in Russia hinting that falling church attendance was due to the fact that services lasted four hours, of his neglect in China of the underground churches that were

emerging from the shadows after keeping the faith alive for decades. His supporters counter that Dr Carey is better in some places than others. "George is more successful in the

evangelical provinces like Africa where he is more at home spiritually," said one. "He's less at home with Western cultural issues; theologically he's insufficiently subtle, so he comes out portentous and pompous. He's a populist evangelical. He should stick to that instead of trying to be a statesman. Those who have travelled with Dr

Carey consider all this rather unfair. "People base their opinions on what the press reports - and that is only the politics, which is a very small part of what these trips involve," said one. "Runcie was more diplomatic, " said another aide, who has travelled with both men. "Carey goes in pretty strongly - the interview with Begin when he was Israeli prime minister was tough-going - but he's shrewd. He knows what he wants to say and the

points get home." All George Carey can do in response is carry on as best he can. Perhaps he can also draw comfort from the fact that Robert Runcje was denounced as a ditherer and a fudger while in Lambeth Palace, yet is now spoken of as an accomplished church politician who in the end outlasted his rival in Downing Street. As many real popes could tell him, history can sometimes be kinder than one's contemporaries.

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TOM STEVENSON City Editor

ScottishPower is confident of avoiding a monopolies inquiry into its £1.56bn bid for Southern Water which, if successful, would create Britain's first multi-utility with interests spanning electricity, gas, water and telecoms.

The bid was launched yesterday despite ScottishPower's failure to secure the recommendation of Southern's board for its cash and shares offer. Southern, which appeared to

have given up hopes of holding on to its independence following a 38 per cent surge in its share price, told its shareholders to sit tight while it talked to Southern Electric, which has also emerged as a potential hidder.

Southern Electric is understood to be increasingly keen to forge a deal following its failure to buy rival electricity company Sweb or sell itself to the gen-

City last night about its ability to match Scottish's offer with a deal that would almost double its size. It was also not clear that a merger of the two Southerns would be politically acceptable as it would likely involve heavy job losses, whereas Scottish has stated that it will not impose any

compulsory redundancies. Murray Stuart, chairman of ScottishPower, said: "The merg-cr will lead to increased sales of electricity, gas and water-related services, boost competition and enhance customer choice. We are confident it will deliver benefits to the shareholders of both ScottishPower and Southern Water."

Southern Electric declined to comment on when or whether it planned to return with a counter bid for Southern Water. Some analysts said the electricity supplier may pull out rather than start a bidding war

erator, National Power. But - partly because the two South- closed 24p higher at 332p. Both doubts were growing in the ern companies territories do are seen as likely targets. not really overlap, reducing the

potential benefits of a merger. The start of what could be an auction for Southern set off a wave of bid speculation throughout the water sector, with dealers on the look out for the next target. After Southern's shares jumped 260p to 941p, Anglian rose 32p to 572p and Wessex

Private investors will be given the chance to buy at least 30 per cent of British Energy, the

modern part of the UK nuclear

industry, when it is privatised in

vising the Government on the

sale, said small investors would

be offered a discount on the price offered to City institutions.

ment did not disclose how much

But yesterday's announce-

July. BZW, the stockbroker ad-

Market sources also pointed

to PowerGen and National Power as likely predators following the unexpected blocking last month of their attempted takeover bids for Midlands Electricity and Southern Electricity. Both Severn Trent and Thames Water are thought to be

off, or how much the Govern-

ment expected to raise from the

controversial sale. Estimates

of the company's market value

have fallen to about £1.5bn

from early valuations of £2.6bn.

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outlets, belonging to about 112 banks, building societies, stock-

brokers and other financial in-

A merger of Yorkshire said Scottish's offer, worth 966p Electricity and Yorkshire Water in cash, shares and dividend, with is also expected, with the two having a closer customer fit than any other combination.

The bid for Southern Water would be the tenth takeover of a British utility in just 18 months, but only the second of a water company, the first being Lyonnaise des Eaux's bid for Northumbrian Water. Analysis

closed 17p lower at 319p, while Southern Electric finished 26p lower at 726p.

a 935.7p cash alternative, rep-

resented a relatively generous 12

times earnings compared with

the 9 times paid by the French

utility. Some believed the offer

represented a knockout blow.

Shares in ScottishPower

30% of energy sale for private investors opened for registrations yes-terday. The flotation is similar said he believed investors would be offered an early dividend to the privatisation of Rail-track, which was floated last based on the company's last year in state ownership.

British Energy will run the eight most modern advanced gas-cooled and pressurised wa-ter reactors. The eight old Mag-nox reactors, nearing the end of the lives, will remain in state ownership as Magnox Electric.

its latest move in an ambitious attempt to create a powerful multi-utility group ahead of the opening up to competition of the gas and electricity markets from 1998. A takeover of Southern would give it a total of 5 million customers, to whom it could sell

the full range of its services. Scottish said there would be an "immediate and substantial enhancement" of its earnings per share and it promised shareholders a 16 per cent dividend hike to 18p a share in the year to March 1997 if the bid was

Ian Russell, finance director, said he did not expect the bid to run into political or regulatory problems since, he claimed, it raised no competition issues.

Analysts agreed, noting that if

Ofwat, the water industry regulator, were to wave the bid through, the Government would be unlikely to refer it for a monopolies commission inquiry.

The bid by Scottish Power is Only bids between water companies are automatically referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, they added.

Scottish attempted to sweeten its offer in the eyes of the regulators by offering customers a 3 per cent reduction in their water bills for two years from April 1998. No similar demands were imposed on North West Water when it took over Norweb last year to create United Utilities, or on Welsh Water when it acquired Swalec.

Neither bid was referred and the Government has so far blocked only two bids, both of which involved generators bid-ding for regional electricity companies. National Power and PowerGen were stunned when their takeover plans were blocked. Both had been confident of approval after Scottish Power was given the go ahead to acquire Manweb, tacitly endorsing "vertical integration".

BT cuts business call costs

MATHEW HORSMAN

BT has cut its telephone charges to business by between 6 and 10 per cent as part of its commitment to Oftel, the telecoms regulator, to lower its prices to customers. The move means companies will pay a total of £220m a year less on their phone bills.

The reduced charges, unveiled yesterday, will be offered even to low-volume business users with quarterly bills of just

The new discounts are in addition to cuts of more than £1.1bn over three years, shared equally between residential and business customers, BT said. The Telecommunications

Users' Association welcomed "We always welcome im-

proved pricing for telecom users and we particularly welcome the residential customers had BT intention automatically to revister the low volume user." Bill Mieran, TUA Chairman, said. Yesterday's announcement

of further price cuts had been expected, and analysts said the effect on BT's earnings were fully reflected in BT's share price. Indeed, the shares closed ahead 51/2p at 340p.
About half of the £220m in

lower charges has been brought forward from next year's Price Control benefit, with the agreement of Oftel. A BT increasingly difficult for them spokesman said yesterday that a further £300–400m of savings would be introduced by August of next year, in line with undertakings agreed with the telecoms regulator.

registered for the new savings - crease the number of custscheme, at a cost of 99p a omers switching to lower-cost quarter. In the past, business- telecoms companies.

Conde: Former chief faces

es have complained that they were unaware of discount schemes, and found it difficult

to judge the best plan to use. With the latest changes, vir-

All told, business discounts of up to 36 per cent off standard râtes are now available to

changes to its "Friends & Family" scheme, introduced in the cuts, although it repeated its April, which saw the abolition long-standing call for a reduc- of the £4.99 joining fee and a

> petc directly with BT for telephony customers, gave a mixed reaction to the announcement. "It was not unexpected, and

petitive rates compared to those of BT," said an executive at a leading operator. But some cable companies are concerned that deep

tomers at the rate of about 50,000 a month to competing suppliers. The introduction of

tually every call made by UK businesses will be eligible for some form of discount on BT's standard rate. Its business rates will be even lower if used with the company's "key numbers" feature, which allows customers to nominate 10 numbers on which an additional 5 per cent discount is applied.

certain business customers, according to BT.

These latest cuts by BT follow

BT said yesterday that 1.5m joined the programme since

Cable operators, which com-

we continue to offer very com-

discounts by BT will make it to undercut the dominant BT has been losing cus-

For the first time, low volume number portability over the users will be automatically next year is expected to in-

two years after the near-collapse

of his bank prompted Spain's most spectacular financial crisis.

sion of a trial that looks set to

last well into next year, Mr

If found guilty at the conclu-

Lester Thurow sees industrial society heading for an explosion. Diane Coyle reports

week on the stock market with

advance will receive special "incentives", details of which

will be disclosed next week. Util-

ities analyst Nigel Hawkins, of

Investors who registered in

a £1.9bn price tag.



The wages of inequality: Lester Thurow expects an eventual choice between upheaval in the market and upheaval in society Photograph: Jane Baker

An optimist hoping for the markets' defeat

"I am not pessimistic," said almost no support in the trea-Lester Thurow, "It's just that if suries and finance ministries of the world changes, you have to change with it."

American economists, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, prefaces his analysis of the industrial society's ills. Massive inequality and unemployment will lead to growing social tension, the spread of protectionism, more religious fundamentalism, even the disappearance of entire

nations, he predicts. "Sooner or later the pressures will explode if conventional leaders do not come up with the answer. If 80 per cent of the people are making nothing from vote for the economy?"

the economy, why should they It perhaps helps Professor Thurow avoid pessimism that he

salvaged by Banco Santander in

one of the biggest bank rescue

operations ever mounted. What

transformed the crisis into an

international scandal was the

the industrialised countries today. 'We have to go back to high-So the doyen of popular er growth. Cut interest rates and

see what happens," he suggested. To understand this conclusion, consider the subject of downsizing. Professor Thurow says the arithmetic is simple: "If I'm a businessman and my market is growing at 2 per cent but my productivity is growing at 6 per

cent, I'm going to downsize. Slow growth has made dangerous "five fundamental forces" affecting the industrialised economies, diagnosed in a new book, The Future of Capitalism, which he was pub-

licising in London yesterday. These five are: the fall of communism; the switch to brainpower-driven industries; demographic change; globalisation; has an answer. It is one that finds and the absence of a dominant

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world economic power for the jobs. Professor Thurow seems to cut the wages of many workers first time in two centuries. In case it is not yet clear, it should be emphasised that Professor Thurow is talking about the big picture. His confidence

in painting it, borrowing from

The 'five forces' have combined to cut the wages of many workers

> other disciplines such as psy-chology and sociology, sends shudders through more conventional and cautious economists. But to return to the argument. in America the huge waves of redundancies have been mopped up by the creation of low-paid

rose from humble origins to

reach the top of the Spanish so-

cial élite by storming one of its

most aristocratic bastions. He

seized the chairmanship of

admire the French for rioting when their government proposed public sector cuts smaller than those announced by the telephone giant AT&T. Americans, however, think they can work their way out of trouble and will accept a more lowly paid job.

"There has been a more inepalitarian income shift in the US during the past 20 years than any society has ever had without a revolution," he says. The bottom three-fifths of US incomes have at best stayed flat in real terms

for the past quarter-century. He is scathing about the excesses of executive pay. The ratio of top-to-average pay in US corporations has risen from 35:1 to 216:1 over the same period. Professor Thurow thinks the defeat of communism meant. bosses shed all restraint. The "five forces" have combined to

end of 1993 for "gross negli-

gence" following allegations

that he had created a web of in-

termediary companies that

bought and sold assets within

in the West through the channel of competition with vast new low-paid markets in Asia.

Unlike many economists, he does not believe that new technology alone is destroying old jobs while creating not enough new ones. He is sure trade is to blame, and predicts that it will put downward pressure on pay in the industrial world for at least

another generation. Professor Thurow said he could understand why the President of the United States and other leaders do not want to take on the bond market, especially when social upheaval and unemployment have had few electoral repercussions. But eventually, he believes, there will be a choice between upheaval in the market and unheaval in society. The optimist in him

Mr Conde has said that he

did not own or run the front

companies in which he is ac-

cused of being a main share-holder and which made huge profits at Banesto's expense. He was imprisoned at the end of

1994 and freed on a record bail

of £10m. In a book describing

his stint at the bank, he wrote

that he was subjected to a cam-

paign of political dirty tricks and

unjustifiably cast as the black

sheep of Spanish banking

BA 'near to \$3.6bn deal' with American

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DAVID USBORNE

British Airways remained at the centre of speculation vesterday that it may be on the brink of a deal with American Airlines to create a giant alliance that would also see American swallowing its rival carrier, USAir, where BA has a 24.6 per cent stake.

Such a combination involving all three airlines would be worth some \$3.6bn (£2.4bn) and would create a colossus in the world aviation industry. By the same token, however, it would be certain to attract keen attention from government regulators concerned about protecting free competition.

Any tie-up is also certain to be contingent on a breakthrough in long-running talks be-tween the British and United States government for an "openskies" agreement. Without such a pact, the US side is unlikely to offer the immunity from antitrust regulations that a BA-American deal would need.

While neither BA nor American are commenting on the rumours, Business Week magazine yesterday quoted Patrick Murphy, a US assistant secretary for transportation, saying that executives feel that a deal "is reasonably close". The magazine reported also that BA and American were considering bolstering any agreement with equity swaps of up to 20 per cent.

The ingestion of USAir by American might seem logical on at least two fronts. Last week, Stephen Wolf, USAir's chief executive, told an annual general meeting that retaining the status quo was not an option for the company, which has the highest cost structure of any US carrier.

Wall Street analysts yesterday emphasised the scale of such a deal were it to happen. BA and American alone account for roughly half the passenger traf-fic between New York and London and 75 per cent of traffic between Miami and London. John Maldutis of Salomon

Brothers said: "[The deal] would raise very serious antitrust concerns on the part of the US government ... it would trigger the last merger movement in the aviation industry and TWA, Northwest, Continental would all be participants."

Separately, BA was reported to be close to sealing a \$2bn purchase of aircraft from Boeng involving some 30 models of its new 777 wide-body airliner, as well as a number of 747s. Boeing was also understood to be close to signing a similarly large deal with United Airlines.

'Black sheep' banker charged with Banesto fraud 1987 and always denied being responsible for the subsequent "black hole" – a 605bn peseta ELIZABETH NASH decision by the blue chip US investment bank JP Morgan to help Banesto raise US\$700m ing 16bn pesetas (£80m) as a Conde could face 35 years guarantee to cover possible damages. Yesterday Mr Conde's Madrid imprisonment. He has been under criminal investigation for months after Banesto, one from the international markets grim-faced lawyer said it would capital shortfall created by over-The disgraced former chief of Banesto, Mario Conde, was of Spain's oldest and biggest before Banesto started to slide. be "very difficult" for his client valuation of the bank's assets. Mr Conde was dismissed as Banesto's chairman by the Bank banks, was brought to its knees in December 1993 with a multicharged yesterday with fraud, un-Seven other former Banesto to raise that kind of money. Once the glittering star of Spain's 1980s boom, Mr Conde lawful appropriation and the use directors were charged yesterof false procedures, more than billion-pound deficit. The bank was subsequently of Spain, the central bank, at the day: Mr Conde's former deputy.

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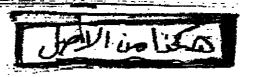
DTI petitions to wind up 'investment club'

Court to have a so-called investment club wound up and the Official Receiver appointed as a liquidator, writes Clifford

Unlike pyramid selling scams, there appears to be no actual product or service which members of the Titan Business Club are expected to sell, but potential investors are invited by word of mouth to attend confidential recruitment sessions in hotels around the country. Although it calls itself an inestment club. Titan is not sub-

The Department of Trade & Industry is petitioning in the High regulatory authorities. Sponsors pay introduction fees for new recruits they bring to meetings, where they are pressurised to part with a fec of £2,500, which they can only recoup by introducing three or four more new members. Investors are also instructed to observe a strict confidentiality clause.

The DTI petition will not be heard until 26 June; the Mub continues to operate. If the application is successful, the club can be put out of business and the current directors disqualified for between two and 15 years.



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The truth of the matter is that ScottishPower's takeover of Southern Water is little more than good old-fashioned

empire-building'

Few will gain from the great utilities scramble When Sir Desmond Pitcher, chairman of North West Water, launched his bid for North West Water, launched his bid for Norweb, City and press reaction was one of almost universal scepticism. True, the deal went through (the fees riding on it made support the court of the court of

of that), and since then the grandly renamed United Utilities has been able to identify benefits and cost savings even greater than those anticipated at the time. But the shares have gone nowhere. What that tells you is that while we might intellectually have come to accept the supposed logic of these multi-utility mergers, fundamentally we don't buy it.

The logic of these things is in any case superficial and debatable. In truth, the single utility company would appear to have few advantages over the present segregated structure. Most of us quite like the idea of a series of different utilities we can moan at Information technology has also reduced the cost advantages of a single monolithic administrative and billing system over traditional stand-alone ones to virtually nil, however much they duplicate each other.

But the real question about these takeovers is whether they can be made to produce much in the way of shareholder value. This, after all, is meant to be the point of making acquisitions. Outside some oneoff cost savings, the case has yet to be con-vincingly made.

Now the Scots are joining the fashion. Luck, favouritism and capricious policy-making mean that ScottishPower has already a stage further deep into the southern counties of England.

On the face of it, this is a takeover even sillier than that of NorthWest Water for Norweb. At least those two companies had the advantage of the same geographical fran-chises. A combination of Scottish, Manweb and Southern Water doesn't even have that. So what is the purpose of what, even by ScottishPower's own admission, are the very generous terms being offered to Southern Water shareholders? Don't be stupid. It's obvious. It is the creation of "a leading multi-utility business serving 5 million customers". Er, right.

Moreover, the company promises to "grow sales of electricity and gas in southern England, thereby enhancing competition in regulated utilities, and will compete for sewerage projects in Scotland". Great. So management gets to sock it to British Gas and the local regional electricity company. With a bit of luck it also gets to wash its hands in Strathclyde's dirty water too. Oh, and Southern Water customers will receive a 3 per cent reduction in permitted prices. And what about shareholders? "We are confident it will deliver benefits to the shareholders of both ScottishPower and Southern Water", says Ian Robinson, chief executive of ScottishPower. Yes, and? Well, he adds

the most disastrous takeovers and mergers of all time. Financial engineering alone does not a takeover strategy make.

The truth of the matter is that this takeover is little more than good old-fashioned empire-building. Probably, though not necessarily, it is a relatively harmless example of the genre. It is hard to go far wrong with a regional water monopoly, which unlike gas and electricity can never be opened up to competition. There is, however, the little matter of regulatory risk. If British Gas is anything to go by, Scottish is buying at the top of the market. The great lesson from gas is get out before the regulator moves in.

It would be naive to think that comment of this sort is going to halt the deal. So confident are Scottish and its advisers of their ground that they are able without any hint of self-doubt to use the very same arguments to support their transaction that were used to mock NorthWest, and to a lesser extent Welsh Water, when they launched their own "multi-utility" takeovers. What? A single company to provide you with your electricity, gas, water, telephone and giro cheque? And why not? says Mr Robertson.

It is a fair bet, as the stock market readily appreciated yesterday, that he won't be the last to say it. As likely as not, PowerGen

utilities thus becomes like the great colonial carve-up of Africa. We must all have our bits, said Britain, France and Germany. And did it, ultimately, do anyone any good? Of

Sir Colin prepares to face boarders

s Sir Colin Southgate going to get the chance to see in his retirement at EMI? The betting in the stock market, where shares in the soon-to-be-demerged Thorn EMI get buffeted almost daily by takeover rumour, is that he will not. Once the glamprous music side, EML is separated from the distinctly unglamorous Thorn TV rental interests, then someone is bound to come in and snap it up, runs the theory. Sir Colin is robustly sceptical of such theories but it s hard to tell what this actually means. His dismissiveness, for instance, may be no more than bravado, a deterrent to those pre-

pared to give it a go.
Sir Colin's fruitless merger talks with Bertelsmann, the German media group, although not initiated by him, smacked of defensiveness and have done nothing to discourage the speculation. The Bertelsmann talks, which broke down a couple of months ago, became known as a result of a chance Guetersloh, where the German group is based. Challenged by the reporter, Sir Colin was forced to concede at least an element of what he was doing there.

As it turned out, the talks were going nowhere fast. Bertelsmann was the bigger company, but EMI by far the more profitable. Bertelsmann, a privately owned con-cern, had that wonderful German characeristic of believing that there are some things in business more important than profit. This didn't sit very easily with Mr Domemann's real priority ~ 've vont con-trol'. It can be seen this was not a deal Sir Colin would have found very easy to sell to shareholders – they would have been left as minority in a bid-proof company interested in rather grander things than making profits. Now that really would have brought the

likes of Disney, Viacom, Seagram, or any one of a host of other rumoured suitors down on his back. The question is whether any of them might be prepared to do it anyway. Even at the present rumour-inflated price. there is a case for saying that Thorn EM1 is cheap. Few large businesses can boast the prospect of double-digit earnings growth into the indefinite future. Thorn too will probably prove a more attractive business than the stock market gives it credit for. Sir Colin may yet have to spend a good deal of his time repelling boarders.

NatWest considers sale of 3i holding

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NatWest, one of the last remaining founding shareholders in the venture capital group 3i said yesterday it was considering the sale of its 17.7 per cent

al caused 3i's shares to slip 15p to 452p. It leaves only Barclays and the Bank of Scotland of the original backers still holding shares in the group, which was founded in 1945 to fill a funding gap for small businesses.

ould be subject to market conditions, would take place after 3i announced its annual results on 6 June. Through holdings inherited from its constituent banks, NatWest bas been the largest shareholder for

a large part of 3i's existence. Despite the fall in its share price yesterday, 3i put a brave face on the decision. Brian Larcombe, finance director, said: We welcome the proposal and we believe it will enhance liquidity. The feedback we have had from a number of brokers is that liquidity could be improved and this move would be genuinely helpful."

However, analysts were divided on the merits of the sale. One said: "This gives NatWest an opportunity to sell the shares without having as much of an impact on the share price." He said it was unlikely that Nat West would sell all of its current holding. "Any client that's June last year.

done as well as NatWest have in these shares would be quite reluctant to sell them all." he said. "I'd be surprised if they didn't keep 5 per cent".

But other observers suggested that 3i's share price could suf-fer as a result of the potential overhang of the stake being put up for sale. One analyst said: Our view is that the shares were too high. Someone was going to sell but any significant discount to the market is an opportunity for people to pick them up. Good figures, a good cconomy and an improving backdrop for small companies is an opportunity to sell."
The divestment will take the

form of a secondary market transaction and will be aimed primarily at institutional investors, NatWest said. But in an attempt to prevent potential buyers depressing the price by selling shares in advance of the offering, the banking group warned that the 3i share register and market was now being monitored by NatWest Securities and de Zoete & Bevan, brokers to any sale. Net purchasers of 3i shares between now and the sale will be favoured in the allocation of shares, NatWest said. Private investors will be able to apply for shares through

financial intermediaries. Several banks took the opportunity to sell at the time of 3i's's flotation in July 1994 and most of them left the share register in a secondary offering in

News of the possible dispos-Nat West said any sale, which

In Brief

 The Securities and Futures Authority has barred former Barings Bank finance director Geoffrey Broadhurst from working as a manager or director of an investment bank for three years. The regulator said Mr Broadhurst would pay £10,000 towards its costs and said the ex-finance boss failed to act with "due skill, care and diligence". In its judgment the SFA said Mr Broadhurst had failed to investigate the nature of a £50m unauthorised transfiction and had tried to persuade the auditors to avoiding referring to it. Mr Broadhurst became financial controller of Baring Brothers and then finance director of Barings Singapore in February 1992, the same year trader Nick Leeson, whose dealings brought down Barings, went to the Far East country.

 Consumer confidence has dipped in the US this month according to the Conference Board's index. It slipped to 101.2 from an revised 104.8 in April, although it remained well above the 1995 average. Respondents were cheerful about current conditions but more apprehensive about future growth and job creation. On the other hand, housing sales rose unexpectedly in April, returning to their highest level since December 1993.

 Nissan, Japan's second-biggest carmaker, returned to the black last year thanks to brisk domestic sales and cost-cutting, but losses lingered in the group as a whole. At the parent level, Nissan made a Y32.4bn (\$30m) pre-tax profit in the year to March after a loss of 761.1bn the previous year. The result was in line with analysts' forecasts and exceeded Nissan's own prediction of a ¥25bn profit. Nissan stayed in the red on a group basis, though the net annual loss was halved to ¥88.4bn. Its bottom line was also helped by higher domestic car sales following the introduction of a key safety device – a driver's side air bag as standard in models sold in Japan - and the Japanese launch of several popular models.

 French households spent less last month, their third month of belt-tightening. Household consumption of manufactured goods fell 1.4 per cent, with the weakness concentrated in durable goods in general and cars in particular. Car sales dived 7.8 per cent in April, although they had risen 20 per cent in January thanks to an incentive scheme. The drop in April's household spending was bigger than expected and does not bode well for the overall strength of consumer expenditure, economists said.

 A bill to partially privatise French state-owned telecommunications group France Telecom will be discussed in a cabinet meeting in Paris this morning An earlier draft said France Telecom would be turned into a limited company from 1 January, 1997, making a partial sale possible from that date and leaving the state with 51 per cent stake. Any possible cross-holdings with Germany's Deutsche Telekom will take place after that.

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Plysu feels its margins squeezed

At first glance, the average investor might be forgiven for thinking the pack-aging company Physu should be doing rather well. It commands over 60 per cent of the UK market for plastic milk bottles, an area which is growing at around 20 per cent a year as British households turn their back on the doorstep pinta in favour of supermarket supplies.

But Plysu is in an uncomfortable position as a small company squeezed be-tween the giant suppliers of its plastic raw materials and the huge supermarket chains which buy its containers.

A 13 per cent growth in volumes, boosted by milk containers plus some small acquisitions, helped lift last year's profits to March from £6.47m to £8.02m, before an exceptional £1.1m rationalisation charge. Profits remain well short of the £10.8m they hit in 1992/93, but last year's small uptick should give some comfort to shareholders who have seen the company caught in a vice between store chains which have until recently used milk as a loss leader and soaring prices for high

density polyethylene. Recent increases in milk prices and the introduction of a new plastic pint container for Tesco is providing some grounds for hope that the pressure from customers is easing. Meanwhile, the collapse in HDPE prices from the second quarter helped Plysu to widen its margins from 4.9 per cent to 7.5 per cent between the two halves of last year.

Even so, the respite may prove tem-porary. Continued attention to costs looks like remaining a feature of UK retailing, while raw materials prices have been on the rise again since the turn of the year. Plysu's attempts to address this issue are unlikely to inspire.

The company has been pioneering an in-house bottle making plant for Dairy Crest since the end of 1995 and is confident that it will repay the £3m cost within the life of the contract of over four years. But this and other similar initiatives will merely protect otherwise threatened margins.

Elsewhere, Plysu's market shares of between 10 and 17 per cent in industrial chemicals, agrochemicals and au-tomotive packaging products are not going to give it much clout against multinationals like Unilever and the big oil groups which are increasingly demanding pan-European sourcing. Apart from one or two areas. like a multi-layered container for toxic chemicals, the company is mainly involved in commodity-type products, with few barriers to entry. The best option for shareholders would be a merger between Plysu and one or more of its smaller brethren to give it more critical mass.

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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Assuming volumes maintain last developing the wells, putting a pro-ear's growth, profits could hit £9.4m duction platform in place and buildyear's growth, profits could hit £9.4m in 1995/96, putting the shares at 189p, down lp, on a forward multiple of 14. That looks high enough.

Cairns holds eastern promise

Cairn Energy's annual general meet-ing was a bit of a damp squib yester-day. The company had nothing to say about its interesting gas find offshore Bangladesh, although it could be argued that investors have had excitement enough this year so far. The shares have almost doubled from below 120p to yesterday's unchanged price of 234p on hopes for the Sangu field. Last month, Cairn announced the

results of a second well which coufirmed the presence of gas in the main zone of the field and the prospect of a deeper area containing reserves. But it was the forecast of much lower production costs which got City analysts going. The company now expects that

ing a distribution pipeline to bring the gas from Sangu to the Bangladeshi market will cost around \$100m and not the \$275m analysts had originally pencilled in. Irené Himona of Société Générale Strauss Turnbull upped her net assets per share valuation of Cairn from 209p to 312p on the strength of the much reduced production costs.

Bangladesh may not sound exciting from a Western standpoint, but even though it ranks amongst the world's poorest nations, the population of up to 120 million still represents a sizeable market. Cairn reckons it will be supplying around 200 million cubic feet of gas a day by 1998, which compares with current national production of around 700 million cubic feet.

That should be easily absorbed by the state-run gas company and there is scope for further upside from here. Cairn could still tie in a contract to supply gas to India if it can satisfy the Bangladeshi government that local demand has been met. Meanwhile, there could be more discoveries to

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come: Cairn is sitting on the equiva-lent of 75 North Sea blocks offshore Bangladesh.

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But there is more to Cairn than Bangladesh, Last year's results proved that the group had come of age. Daily production from the UK and Netherlands jumped from 4,900 barrels of oil equivalent to 5,800 and profits edged up from 63 30m to 69 30m. The shares up from £9.39m to £9.98m. The shares are a firm hold.

Blacks scales new peaks

the business

It has been a volatile few years at Blacks Leisure, the camping and sports retailer run by Simon Bentley. The company has slipped in and out of loss, cut its dividend and completely overhauled

But things have taken a dramatic turn for the better in the last 12 months. The shares have more than quadrupled in the past year and shot up a further 14p to 144p yesterday.

The reversal of fortune owes some-

thing to the popularity of branded sportswear, with companies such as Nike and Reebok pumping millions into sponsorship and advertising.
But internal re-structuring has helped too. The company has sold most of the distribution businesses, including the troublesome Quaser football boot brand which forced Blacks into loss at the half-time stage last year. The next candidate for disposal is Miss Sam, a loss-making clothing manufacturer

which makes garments for chil-drenswear retailers such as Tammy. That should leave Blacks focused on retailing through three chains, First Sport, Blacks Leisure and Active Ven-ture, all of which are going well as yes-terday's full-year profits demonstrated.

Profits jumped from £610,000 to £2.2m in the year to February. Likefor-like sales rose by 22 per cent across the group, a rise hardly anyone on the high street can match. Sales are up by a further 25 per cent in the 12 weeks since the year end, though it is

hard to see this level being sustained.
All three retail formats are set for expansion, with 12 more branches of First Sport to be opened this year. Two or three branches of Blacks Leisure, the outdoor leisure stores, will be added and an extra £1m spent on refurbishments.

Williams de Broe is forecasting profits of £5.4m, which puts the shares on a forward rating of 12. This is still a discount to rivals. But if you bought shares at any time in the last four years, it is perhaps time to take some profits.

NatWest feels the risks of bricks and mortar

CITY DIARY

NIGEL COPE

Problems for NatWest after some scaffolding fell off one of its buildings in central. London yesterday, causing some astomshment though no injury to passers-by. The office block in question is in St James Square and used to house a NatWest branch. It is now being refurbished and developed into new office buildings which the bank hopes to let out. The work took a setback yesterday when three tiers of scaffolding collapsed into the road bringing with it a large quan

tity of rubble. One of the construction team was taken to hospital (cut hand) and a passing vehicle was damaged (wing mirror). "We are just relieved it was nothing more serious," a NatWest spokesman said.

Laurence Issacson, the frustrated thespian who runs the Chez Gerard restaurant group, will be in his element tonight at the company's 10th anniversary celebrations. The RADA reject is staging a production of Dames at Sea, a spoof of a 1930s tap dance musical, at the Ambassador's Theatre. Stars of the show will be Peter Duncan, the former Blue Peter presenter, and Sarah Crow, the blonde one in the Philadelphia cheese advert. Both can sing, Mr Isaac-son says. After that it's all back to the Opera Terrace bar and restaurant in Covent Garden for champagne and canapés. "Having failed to get into RADA the next best



The Solibull farmer who turned his cows into mobile advertising boardings after the BSE scare made them impossible to sell has enjoyed a welcome boost to revenue streams. One of the cows delivered a calf last night almost as soon as the prying eyes of the cameras had departed. The proud mother was sponsored by Ben & Jerry, the ice cream maker. The men sponsored by hen of Jerry, the new cream against the mar-from Ben & Jerry's missed the happy event, having de-camped to a nearby hostelry after several hours trying to pin their ad-verts to the bovine billboards. The company has not yet decid-ed if it will advertise on the calf. It's too small, apparently.

thing is trying to put on a show," Mr Isancson reckons.

The Co-Operative Retail Society, the reliably old-fashioned provider of funeral arrangements and supermar-kets, has caught the design bug and got itself a new logo, pictured below. Quite an expensive one too, if its chosen designer is anything to go by. It is none other than Wolff Olins, the outfit that has dreamt up whizzy new identities for BT and Orange, among others. CRS chief executive Harry Moore seems so taken by the image that he has tilted headlong into de-signspeak. "The real value of the new identity is centred on the transformation of the word 'co-operative' from a passive noun to an active ad-jective." What is he on about?

Andrew Fowler, the food retail analyst at UBS who crocked his knee playing footie several weeks ago, is struggling to regain his fitness in time for Euro '96. The boy Fowler (no relation to Robbie) has been hobbling around on crutches after a tricky post-Tesco-results fixture in April. The UBS fivea-side team has had to draft in a replacement goalkeeper though Fowler's cat-like reflexes are sorely missed. "He's left a big hole at the back," a teammate says.

Market gets set for flood of new issues

tom Stevenson City Editor

The continued strength of the new issues market was further underlined yesterday as a flood of companies announced plans to float or were being tipped to jump to sizeable premiums when trading in their shares

begins. In particular, the junior Alternative Investment Market continued to defy its detractors with the announcement of further additions to its growing ranks, while speculation mounted that Dairy Crest will today shrug off the BSE crisis to announce flotation plans along with its final results.

Unit trust

sales rise

Whitecross Group will become the first chain of dental practices to float in London following a placing of 24 per cent of its enlarged capital, which values the company at almost £3.5m, raising £825,000 of new money to fund further

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expansion.
The company is one of only a few authorised to operate den-tal practices, which must normally be run by dentists as sole traders or partnerships. Its emergence follows a significant change in NHS funding for dental care over the past 10

The result of that has been a material increase in the part of

the fee-paying patient rather than the Government. That in turn has changed the patient from a passive user of a service to a buver.

Whitecross has grown from one to six practices, all in London, with a total of 28 treatment rooms. All are located in shopfront premises on the high street, reflecting the new emphasis on retailing disciplines. Nine more sites are planned over the next five years.

The company made a pre-tax loss of £264,000 in the year to December 1995 and financial projections forecast further losses this year and next but profits thereafter. Dealings in

Whittards, the tea and coffee retailer, also announced plans to join AIM yesterday and said it had ambitions to become "a category killer in quality tea and coffee, mugs and teapots." The company's float will value it at about £20m and raise a further

£3m for expansion.
Will Hobhouse, the managing director, who owns a third of the shares, said the group wanted to double its 79-strong shop network over the next five years while continuing its growth overseas. Founded in 1886, Whittards

only had three London stores until it began a rapid roll-out in the late 1980s. It now has shops stretching from Exeter to Edin-

burgh, as well as in France, Poland, Taiwan and Japan. It claims a 14 per cent share of a market dominated by Twinings. Meanwhile, dealings begin this week in three issues with

high hopes for strong debuts. In-

dependent Energy, which sells electricity direct to business users, will be valued at £13.1m when it joins AIM on Friday. Broker Peel Hunt is placing 3.23 million shares at 100p each, a quarter of the enlarged equity to raise money to expand Independent's sales and marketing effort and to switch ex-

isting gas reserves into electricity by developing power generating plants. Prism Rail, which has gained

a 15-year franchise to run the London, Tilbury & Southend railway service, dubbed the "Misery Line", is expected to open at a large premium when its shares start trading on AIM today. The company will become the first publicly quoted train operator since the railways were nationalised in 1947. The

placing, which will raise £8m at 100p, was oversubscribed. A good stock market reception is also planned for Recognition, a "neural computing group, which is expected to go to as much as a 20p premium on the 70p placing price when dealings in the shares begin today. The placing values the group at £19m.

No longer passive: A more active Co-operative

co-operative

Allders will be left with net cash of £60m following the £130m ie oi iis international quiv iree arm to Baa, which observe think might be ploughed into a special dividend or share buy back." The deal will go through despite a higher rival bid from Swissair. Chairman John Pattison said yesterday he had locked out a £145m offer from the Swiss arguing that the BAA bid was the only un-conditional offer on the table. The decision to accept the lower bid surprised the City and sparked a war of words between Schroders and SBC Warburg, advisers to the two sides.

Proudfoot said it expected operating profits for the current year would match those of 1995, excluding exceptional costs. Addressin its annual meeting yesterday, the company said operating margins would benefit from the elimination of remaining unprofitable revenue activities. However, it warned that order intake was below budget and new work this year was tending to favour low fee and therefore lower margin countries.

 J Smart anticipates that profits in the second half of the current year will at least match those in the first six months. However, the company said that the volume of contracting work in hand is lower than at this time last year. Unveiling profits raised from £1.21m to £1.32m for the six months to January, John Smart, chairman, said: "As reported at the end of last year the proportion of design and construct package deal contracts has increased. However, prices obtainable are still unacceptably low." The interim dividend is being raised from 2.4p to 2.5p.

Ruberoid told shareholders that trading conditions in the US remain healthy, but markets in Europe have been particularly affected by the severe weather in the first quarter. As a result, although the balance of profitability in the continuing businesses is weighted towards the second half of the year, the imbalance between the two halves is likely to be greater than normal in 1996.

Queens Moat Houses' first four months of the current year have shown satisfactory progress in the UK, but there has been persistently difficult trading in Germany, France and Belgium. Speaking to shareholders, Stanley Metcalfe, chairman, said progress in the UK had been led by an improving rooms performance. In con-tinental Europe, the company has continued to emphasise cost efficiencies in view of the persistently difficult trading conditions in Germany, which are also evident in France and Belgium. Mr Metcalfe said an encouraging advance has been made in the Netherlands.

Blick, the electronics group, moved into Europe for the first time yesterday with the acquisition for £38.5m of Teletechnicom, which had distributed Blick products for several years. Blick said the deal, which involves a £3.7m cash payment and the issue of 200,000 shares, would be earnings enhancing. Last year the Dutch group reported pre-tax profits of £805,000 with net assets of £1.76m.

Omnicare's shares were suspended on the Alternative Investment Market yesterday, pending the reverse takeover of colostomy bag distributor Amcare in a deal which could be worth up to £5m. The deal will be funded by a placing and open offer of shares at 110p and they are expected to resume trading after an extraordinary meeting next month.

 Brightstone Properties is abandoning plans to appoint Luke Johnson to its board following an improved offer from fellow property tiddler Clarke Nickolls & Coombs. CNC and Brightstone said they were discussing a recommended all-share bid valuing Brightstone at £9.2m or 131.75p a share. Johnson, who planned to subscribe for up to 30 per cent of the shares, has withdrawn his offer.

GWR, the commercial radio group, yesterday announced the sale of Isle of Wight radio to the Local Radio Company for £860,000, payable in cash and loan notes. Cash of £303,000 will be payable upon completion and added to the company's balances.

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the cost of treatment borne by the shares begin on Thursday. Deutsche under fire

to record NIC CICUTTI

Sales of unit trusts and personal equity plans reached record levels in April, according to new figures from the industry's trade body yesterday.

Retail unit trust sales rose to £1.1bn, about £100m above last month's total, while not sales of PEPs touched £1.08bn, the highest total ever. The number of accounts also reached record levels, rising by 250,000 to 7

million.

The increase in sales came despite the start of a new tax year, traditionally seen as marking an end to the ritual tax-planning investment frenzy in the run-up to the 5 April deadline.

However, the figures from the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif) also showed that net sales to institutions, at £19m, picked up only slightly last month compared with an outflow of £64m

in March. Despite gross sales of £800m, institutional sell-offs, including £194m from the Far East sector, excluding Japan. brought net sales down.

Autif said the decline suggested that although individual savers were warming to unit trusts and PEPs after a sales fall in 1995, big institutions may be more in tune with where the UK and world's stock markets are

headed in the coming year.

The trade body added that savers' money was pouring into unit trusts as an alternative to lower-yielding building society

amid fraud allegations

Deutsche Bank, Germany's biggest commercial bank, was plunged into fresh controversy vesterday when Klockner-Humboldt-Deutz, a household name in German engineering. warned its survival was threatened following the discovery of an alleged multi-million pound fraud at a subsidiary.

KHD, where Doutsche is the largest shareholder with a 47.7 per cent stake following a huge financial rescue package last year, said book-keeping "irregularities" at its Humboldt Wedag plant construction unit had been unearthed on Friday which would result in unexpected losses running to "sev-eral hundred million" marks.

The episode is the latest in a series of embarrassments for bank's exposure to loss-making Deutsche and its chairman, KHD. There is no official fig-Hilmar Kopper, that have ure," he said. However, press rose 32 per cent to DM770m.

system of corporate governance where banks, through their large industrial shareholdings, wield considerable influence on companies by being represented on their supervisory boards and also creditors.

In particular, Deutsche was closely associated with the nearcollapse of metals group Metall-gesellschaft; the bankruptcy of the Juergen Schneider real estate group and the record losses run up by Daimler-Benz, Germany's largest industrial group.

In a statement, KHD blamed several board members at the subsidiary, a number of employees and "outside third parties" for the cover-up of the losses stretching back to 1993. A spokesman for Deutsche declined to reveal the size of the more than half the DM830m (£356m) capital injection that helped save KHD last year. While analysts speculated

that Deutsche would have to throw another lifeline to KHD. the bank said it was too early to discuss a possible bail-out. "We will have to wait until we have further information before we decide what to do," the spokes-man added. Trading in KHD shares was suspended yesterday. "KHD has been a basket

case for some time," said one analyst. "But the latest developments again raise questions about the general level of com-petence of Deutsche Bank." News of KHD's latest difficulties overshadowed strong four-month figures from Deutsche. Helped by its Lon-

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to sell off Sun Life shares

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Shares in Sun Life, the UK life insurer with more than £19bn of funds under management, are to be sold to both private and institutional investors, netting its French owner, Com-

pagnie UAP, about £500m.
The partial sale of Sun Life and Provincial Holdings, which also includes UAP Provincial, a general insurance subsidiary; and New Ireland, a life and pensions provider in the Republic of Ire-

Analysts yesterday valued the combined company at about £1.3bn, suggesting that UAP may retain about 55 per cent of the firm under its direct control. The deadline for retail offers will be 10 June, with the allocation of shares taking place 11 days later.

Private investors will be able to bid for shares in the combined holding, with a minimum investment of £1,000. However, Michael Hart, chief executive of Sun Life and Provincial, said and, will take place next month. yesterday that he did not see the owns in Germany and Belgium. company receives 80 per cent insurer, for about £525m.

vestors to draw large instant profits from.
"I hope this is not a stagging

issue," Mr Hart said. "The of-fer price will be very fair so there is a good after-market. But this is not the sort of offer that should involve stagging. This is a good business with a long track record." UAP's decision to seek a

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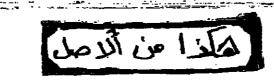
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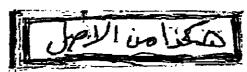
partial flotation as one for in- Mr Hart said the aim was to en- of its business through indehance Sun Life's profile and also to provide the company with greater flexibility. The proceeds from the offer

will repay a loan to UAP and reduce Sun Life's other borrowings.

Sun Life is one of the top five life assurance companies, as measured by its 1995 regular and single premiums. Last year, it made pre-tax profits of £90.2m, while gross premium intowards other subsidiaries it come stood at £1.6bn. The

pendent financial advisers. UAP Provincial is the 13th largest non-specialist UK insurer and reported pre-tax profits of £64.2m last year. New Ireland is the second-largest life and pen sions provider in the Republic of Ireland and posted pre-tar profits of IR£10.4m in 1995. Sun Life and Provincial Holdings has been totally owned by its French parent since 1995 when it bought out a 50 per cent stake from Transatlantic, the US





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Grand Met

Waters, for so long overshadowed by electricities, made dramatic headway as bid fever retur ned to enliven the start of the sector's profit season.

Southern Water, the subject of Scottish Power's attentions. jumped a remarkable 260p to 941p in busy trading. Anglian, due to launch the season today, rose 32p to 572p; Hyder 19p to 758p; Thames 17p to 564p; United Utilities 25p to 58lp and the much ridiculed Yorkshire 53p to

South West Water, with bids from Severn Trent and Wessex before the Monopolies & Mergers Commission, firmed 14p to 663p, with Severn up 18.5p to 561p and Wessex 24p

ScottishPower's £1.56bn could be tempted to counter takeover splash lifted the stock the Scottish strike. falling 26p market out of its traditional to 726p. But the bubbling wa-Whitsun week somnolence, ter sector did create flickers of excitement among some of the remaining electrical dis-tributors with old takeover

candidate Yorkshire Electricity 16p higher to 749p. ScottishPower fell 17p to 319p and its "twin". Scottish Hydro Electricity, dipped 3p to 307p. National Power, helped by a buy recommendation from Salomon Brothers, edged

ahead 2.5p to 519.5p. British Gas, enjoying sup-port from ABN Amro Hoare Govett, added op to 177.5p and BT, with a push from Morgan Stanley, the US securities house, gained 5.5p to 340p.

The utilities helped lift the FT-SE 100 index 8.1 points to 3.760.2 with the supporting FT-SE 250 index up 14.4 to 4,504.4. The indices failed to hold their best levels as the rest

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with many investors, large and small, unwilling to disturb the lethargy which so often envelopes shares in the week after a bank holiday. Thin turnover, recorded as

531.2 million shares, illustrated the low level of interest. British Biotech offered a modest rally after its weakness following last week's positive presentation on its cancer drug. The shares gained 48p to 2,838p, drawing comfort from the issue of 40 million put and

call warrants from Barclays de The utility action spilled over to banks and financials

actively traded, awaiting merger developments. The shares fell 2p to 233p.

Dixons gained 4p to 499p

following a meeting with Hen-derson Crosthwaite and Innovations, the direct sales group. rose 7p to 195p on continuing talk rival Betterware, un-changed at 92p, will upset plans for a management buy out, with a hostile strike.

Whithread edged forward 3p ready cash rich, is regarded as a likely predator. It is planning from hold to add. The once neglected pubcos had another strong session with Century Inns up 9p to 153p and Enterprise Inns 11p to 234p.

Tomkins, the buns to guns conglomerate, slipped 4p to 247p. The shares have fallen from 280p in recent weeks, with worries of a cautious trading statement on the BTR lines ruffling sentiment.

Unigate, reflecting the baby

ditioning group, gained 40p to 380p following Independent on stuck at 56p as Villiers, an Sunday comment. Jarvis improved another 7p to 97p on further consideration of its

rail maintenance deal. Capital & Western Estates, up 0.75p to 3p, said it was in talks to buy Rallynatray Holdings, un-changed at 5.75p, and unquoted Global, an internet business.

porate action, a bid or breakup, continued to swirl. ical equipment, continued to cast a cautionary shadow over the bio babes who seemed to have settled down after their

recent exciting run. The shares, 219p in 1992, found a new low - just 16p. Earlier this month the company reported a lower six month loss - £730,000 - and a TAKING STOCK

weeping mid the engineer, took its stake to 12.31 per cent. With an £8m war chest Villiers should have little difficulty mounting a bid with Eurovein priced at £9.2m. Although the blade maker has returned to profit it could have problems defending an assault with its Grand Metropolitan, the shares a long way from their 141p flotation. food and drink group, added

6p to 441p as rumours of cor-Proginet, a computer soft-ware distributor, gained 2p to Haemocell, a maker of med- 45p on the JP Jenkins Ofex market. Shares of its US partner more than doubled to \$8 following a new link with Microsoft over computer security password control

> Still on Ofex Motion Media, a video telephone business which launched last

sentiment was helped by the sus-picion a deal involving British cash raising exercise through a share placing at 17p. Electricities were mainly week at 67.5p climbed a furwhere many expect bid activity to erupt. Bank of Scotland Airways and Boeing is near. milk crisis, fell 5p to 405p. of the market drifted aimlessly ther 85p to 205p. Lucas Industries was again **Share Price Data** Prices are in starling except where stated. The yield is lest year's dividend, grossed up by 20 per cant, as a percentage of the share price. The price/earnings (P/E) ratio is the share price divided by lest year's earnings per share, excluding exceptional items.

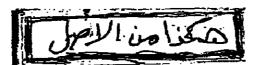
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'Keeping chin up amid the chinless

In the build-up to the Derby quite a few folk have been up to Newmarket to see Paul Kelleway about his Classic colt. the well-fancied Glory Of Dancer. Most have written about what an unusual chap the trainer is, and he has not ap-preciated it. He thinks of his family more Waltons than the portrayed Addams, and feels he does not belong in a pigeon hole with the elephant man and bearded lady for company.

"Just because they the media talk to a load of people who are dead from the neck up, when they find someone who they think is a character and can talk a bit they make out you're a freak show," he says. "We're just a small family business try-

ing to make a living."

Whatever he says, however,
Paul Anthony Kelleway is different. He is plain-spoken, devoid of aristocratic connection and not a twit, and if this makes him unusual in Newmarket it tells you more about the town than the man himself.

The Kelleways have been at halfleet stables on the Bury Road in racing's headquarters since 1977. The plural applies as the trainer's wife, Gillian, children Anthony, Gay (a successful trainer herself) and Sarah have, or are, playing a sig-

nificant role in the operation. Pappa Kelleway has always worked to one goal. Success for him is buying cheap yearlings and making their future the breeding shed rather than a pyramid of dog-food cans in the ers better than Paul Kelleway. supermarket. He has had some spectacular successes. The 8,000gns Madam Gay captured that life is not fair. A lot of train-

Paul Kelleway is impatient for Glory at Epsom. Richard Edmondson reports

Oaks) and was sold for \$1.4m, while his dual Group One winwhile his dual Group One win-ner Risk Me upgraded his val-ue from £20,000 to £1.4m.

This policy of pitting lowbreds in the top races brings with it a large proportion of de-feats. They say Kelleway leads with his chin, which is believable when you observe a dominating feature that looks as though it has met with a selection of

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Raven Master (Newbury 6.30) NB: Sue Me (Newbury 8.00)

bouncers. The man himself can stand all this even if others sneer at his strike-rate. "All I'm doing is the best for my owners and trying to increase the value of the horses," he says. "If Dick Hern or Henry Cecil puts one in those big races that finishes last no-one mentions it."

Kelleway has only 26 horses and he knows he should have more. However, as a boy he was fostered to a family in Doncaster and he seems to have borrowed the county's reputation for tact and diplomacy. "Gay can probably get owners better than me," he says. This is the a double-glazing salesman to hugest of understatements. Hannibal Lecter could get own-As he approaches 56, Kelle-

way is finally convincing himself

versation owes more to the dockyard than the chapel and the only thing he will butter up is a cream cracker. He once thought performance would speak for him, and he is a rather forlorn figure when he accepts he has been wrong for so many years. "I always believed results would make a difference, but it hasn't seemed to," he said. "Experience and track record doesn't seem to get you a glass of water in this game. Maybe that's life as well."

This is not to say Kelleway is down to his rags. On the con-trary. One wet Newmarket morning last week, the trainer entered the Shalfleet lounge to meet this visitor. He wore blue overtrousers, a striped jersey with the crocodile logo over his heart and, underneath, there seemed to be several further layers, lending the impression the trainer was wearing all his wardrobe at once. The ensemble was topped off with a neck-

Kelleway talked generously about Glory Of Dancer's performance in the Gran Criterium at San Siro in November last year and you would have to be miss the invitation to view the video on arrival at the yard. The footage, it has to be said, is quite arresting, and Kelleway still seems to be startled as he



mance from the edge of his florally decorated armchair.

Around the lounge are oil portraits of Kelleway's good horses, the likes of Swiss Maid, Green Girl and African Song. Pride of place, above the fireplace, belongs to What a Myth, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, with P Kelleway in the saddle. As a jumps jockey Kelleway rode about 400 winners, including the Gold Cup and two Champion Hurdles on Bula.

Beverages were served by Gillian, who is described by a strange blend of sexism and meritocracy in Kelleway's promotional blurb as "his attractive and vivacious wife, very much a power behind the throne". watches his horse's perfor- Mrs Kelleway, a point-to-point

rider of note herself, does the feeding and insists that horses liked to be talked to. There are few better qualified for the job. After the questions become

silly (what is your star sign?) your correspondent is invited to the gallops and is asked for a lift. Then comes an interviewchanging moment. Kelleway sees a babychair in the car and immediately sees his questioner as almost human and not the scaled hack stereotype who would attempt the unspeakable just to get a quote (I must remember to return that seat to the shops).

On the way to the gallops it

chauffeur flash the headlights, honk the horn and take devious routes. It's lashing down outside, bouncing off the bonnet, but, for some reason, the trainer has to have his window down.

Gillian is already at the gal-

lops in the family 280E Mercedes (a white and orange number, the orange bits a product of old age) which has a huge. menacing shape on the back seat. This is Dexter, the sort of animal that cleans up burglary rates. Dexter is big, even by Rot-tweller standards, as a medical condition means he is on steroids. He looks as though he's had most of the injections difficult to tell who is in con- while in the car and might trol. Kelleway, in the space of struggle to disembark. Eventu-

moose head lazily from side to side in celebration. By now I know I'm in. Kelle-

way has been so impressed by my driving that he allows me to pull the lever on the starting stalls where he is to test four two-year-olds. "When I say 1-2-3 go just hit it," he says, as if

addressing some dolt. the trainer returns to a common theme. Like plenty of people run at Epsom on Saturday week. these days, Kelleway talks a lot about the lottery. About people having a horse with him after they have won it, about the time 12 months ago when he was one number off winning £3m. He lives in hope that he will get up at least one Saturday jackpot in

Backing stays for the Arc

While several of Britain's most important races still search for a sponsor, the showpiece of the French season has hung on to a supporter it expected to lose, writes Greg Wood. Despite being swallowed up

by Granada, Forte will fulfil the final year of its three-year backing of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, and the association may yet continue beyond 1996.

As a result of Granada's decision to retain control of Forte's Meridien chain of hotels, the conglomerate will add the "Meridien" brand name to the race title. The deal was unveiled in London yesterday by Louis Romanet. French racing's most influential administrator, who also had welcome news for British punters who have struggled with the workings of his country's pari-mutuel system.

It now seems certain that the rule by which horses in the same ownership are "coupled" - if you back one, you back both -in the French betting will be abandoned in time for this

year's Arc, on 6 October. Since Sheikh Mohammed, for instance, seems sure to have at least two runners, this is a welcome acknowledgement of the intelligence of Europe's punters. who can back both if they wish but do not need the French administrators to do it for them. As the rain splatters around, Mick's Love misses the French Derby and will instead

CARTMEL

2.00 Slan Wyn 2.30 Weaver george 3.00 Flintlock 3.30 Ze-hid 4.00 Wise Advice 4.30 Ralitsa

NEWBURY

6.30 Raven Master 7.00 Muraija 7.30 Manderella

8.00 Knobble 8.30 Half An Inch

Lett-hand course.

Rececurse is SE of town near A34. Railway station (service from London, Paddington) adjours course. ADMISSION: Members £13 (Jundors up to 21 years half-price); Tattersells £8; Süver Ring £3 (OAPs half price). CAP PARE: Pree; Picnic area £3 per car

LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: P Chapple-Hyam - 36 winners from 138 runners at a ratio of 25.4% giving a return to a 51 level stake of -55.18; R Eumaton - 37 winners, 436 numers, 7.84%, 520.91; Dundop - 16 winners, 171 runners, 9.48%, 586.09; L Cunnar - 14 winners, 58 runners, 24.1%, 58.58; M Scoute - 10 winners, 19.2 runners, 9.55.542.78; C Brittada - 9 winners, 218 runners, 7.65%, 540.00; Lady Berricos - 8 winners, 43 runners, 18.6%, 540.27; E LEADING JOCKEYS: J Reid - 46 winners, 250 rides, 17.3%, 520.71; Pat Eddery - 42 winners, 234 rides, 16.5%, 538.47; L Dettorf - 28 winners, 200 rides, 18.7%, +547.00; W Carson - 34 winners, 216 rides, 15.7%, 559.57; T Quinn - 27 winners, 234 rides, 11.5%, -

5 16.58; W.R. Swinburn - 23 winners, 164 rides, 14%, -\$32.45.
BLINKERED PIEST TIME: Mister Rm (8.00).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYE: None. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Secret Service (9.00) sent 237 miles from C Tho

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| 1 1 | BUZZEY (P Carter) A Foster 9 0 |
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|] 2 3 | DARIE ALOLA (USA) (Shelif: Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9 0 |
| ع الما | GOLDEN FACT (USA) (9) (BF) (George E K Teo) R Harmon 9 0 |
| 15 - | MYSTIC REDGE (Mrs Arme Coughlan) D Elseouth 9 0 |
| 5 6 2 | RAVEN MASTER (USA) (21) (R E Sangates) P Chappie-Hyam 9 0 1 Reld 6 |
| 17 1 | ACCOUNTANCY LEADER (D. Breman Accountaris) B Paling 8 9 |

- 7 convers - Ferrinke: 7-4 Derb Aloks, 2-1 Reven Master, 11-4 Golden Fact, 10-1 Cathedral, 12-1 Mystic Ridge, 16-1 Accountsecy Leader, 25-1 Buzzby 1995: Royal Applause 2 9 0 W R Swelburn 5-2 (B W Hills) 5 ran Michael Stoute's two juveniles went well on Monday with Moonshine Girl winning at Sandown so DARB ALOLA, a son of Nuroyev reportedly working well, tooks best. Rawen Macter with have learned plenty racing around Chester's turns on his debut. He looked the winner until

sari pounced on the line, but he's no centainty to act in the ground being a son Selection: DARE ALOLA

9.00 Old Irish

BETTRIE: 5-4 King's Theories, 4-1 Wijers, 9-2 Merzija, 8-1 Fire On Ica, 10-1 Ki Chi Sago, 12-1 Migd: CRy, 14-1 Trempila, 25-1 Dec-Lady 1995: Capes 4 8 12 L Dettori 9-1 U Gosden) 7 ran KING'S THEATRE, restricted to just thee nurs in America last year, was second in two Derbys and a winner of the King George when with Henry Cocil. Fire On lice is a likely improver after just five nurs. He didn't show much behind Lucky Di in the Magnotia Stakes at Kempton on his reappearance, but the stable has hit better form since and Fire On lice looks the type to act well on the ground. Night City is a confirmed mudlant, but this is a tough test for him at the weights following his handicap win from Major Change on the course ten days ago. Wijara had his ground at Goodwood last week and best at except Captain Horatus in the Festivel Stakes. Nituralja twice won in the soft at two, though his handicap wins lest term were gained on the fast.

7.00 NEWBURY 400 In Charter American Parish Edge 54,934

7.30 CITY INDEX SPREAD BETTING HANDICAP £5,500 added 6f 8yds Penalty Value £4,185

NEWBURY 400TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY STAKES (CLASS

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250-200 MALEU MAN (29) (7) (Church Roong Pertreship) E Wheeler 4 8 8 ...
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560-060 AHMY (13) (6F) (F.) Thomas T.J. Naughton 6 7 1.0...
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Affairmen weight: 7st 10th. True handlop weight: Ably 7st 8th.
SETTING: 7-2 Golden Pound, 9-2 Steppes Brow, 11-2 Vise Ms Again, 6-1 Laigh Crofter, Mandaret-in, Bejan Rose, 18-1 Afjay, Meilitu Han 1995: Ogg 4 8 9 L Deston 15-2 (P) Meility 16 ran

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BAJAN ROSE and Leigh Crofter are the soft ground winners and the younger runner will be sharper for her first run of the season at Laicester four weeks ago. Bajan Rose finished last term in great form, a four-length fifth of 24 to Double Splendour et Haydock followed by a Chapetow win from Tinker Carneston. Leigh Crofter is turned out quickly after his third to Schamhorst and Double Splendour at Kempton on Saturday. He should go well an his present good heart, but the respective lines through Double Splendour gives Bajan Rose the beating of him. Frankler Deston for Manademella is interesting. She is in the mud for the first time and she west close in a malden auction at Wandson in August when beaten a neck by Lady Theorg with 22 behind her. Golden Pound acts in the mud. Selections BAJAN ROSE

a five-minute journey, makes his ally he manages it, swinging his 8.00 COOPERS & LYBRAND HANDICAP (CLASS D) £7,000 added 7f 64yds Penalty Value £5,410

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| 6101-06 | CHARILE SILLETT (7) (D) (John Sillen) B Hills 4 10 0 |
| 025-200 | LYNTON LAD (25) (Uplant's Bloodstock) C Brooks 4 9 5 B Thorston 9 B |
| | MISTER RN (10) (D) (I) W Bissell) R Guest 4 9 4 |
| 00-0006 | INVORBLEDNEZZE (G) (CD) (Anthony Andrews) M Channon 6.9.1 |
| 04-1600 | SHARP 'N SMART (18) (D) (K H Burks) B Smart 4 8 12 |
| 0-30040 | RAG FEN (USA) (23) (Ladyswood Racing Club) Martyn Meade 5 8 8 |
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| 0-00002 | DAMMALIE (USA) (5) (D) (Jack Brown (Bookmaker) 11d) () Havdn Jones 6.8.8 |
| 5040-30 | ZATOPEK (46) (Alan Spanja) J Culinan 4 8 7 |
| 200-200 | DUELLO (LIO) (H C Promotons Ltd) M Elevenerd 5 8 8 Culon 13 |
| 0/046- | EXPRESS ROUTING (957) (The Pesson War Pannersha) J Alexhurst 4.8.4 |
| 004-030 | I RECALL (12) (B C Brown) P Hayward 5 8 1 |
| | KEULY MAC (23) (D) Mrs V O'Boen) D O'Bren 6 7 11 |
| 050-000 | PISTONI GOLD (7) (G A Surreyers) M Usher 4 7 10 N Adams 7 |
| | 44 4-4-4 |

the weights, though he has yet to prove he stays. Second to Double Bounce at Haydock (6) last September, he had Charles Sitett and Dawwellb behind. Charles Sitett improved a bun de afterwards with two wins, but Sue Me must have some sort of chance here meeting har on 201b better terms. Mister RMI is another dark 'un in his first-time blinkers. He has been running over longer trips and rates a decent each-way bet on his course and dis ond to Champagne Grandy in the soft last September. Knobbleaneeze will like

8.30 BASINGSTOKE CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £4,500 added 3YO 1m 2f 6yds Penalty Value £3,168

le Estate<CFF01> can win this if she copes with the ground. The race is a deal softer than the handicaps she has contested this term and her second to Lilli Claire at Salisbury gives her a favounte's chance. <CFF08>Forest Boy<CFF01> is a tough gelding who has winning form in the mud (beat Green Gern at Hamilton), but CD SUPER YARGETING. a daughter of Polish Patriot, could be transformed by this testing ground. Favourite on her

and is well handicapped on his two wirs lest season. He has won on the course and has only a couple of lengths to find on Dawalib on running behind Orange Pace at Goodwood last week. Duello likes the ground but don't show much here last time out, while there is set the doubt about. Steep 'N Senant on the ground, though his sortuning run last time to be interested with the two behind much the behind.

in distance, offers her a fighting chance after contesting hot maidens at Leicester and New market. Half An Inch. had plenty of fast-ground form lest term, but looks beats on his latest sixth to latoff at Wirdsor, while Asking For Kings, second to the older Country Lover in a Goodwood claimer last week, looks a better proposition than the disappoint 9.00 KENNETH ROBERTSON HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5.100

only juvenile start on this course, she has had her problems but this class, plus the step up

added 1m 5f 61yds Penalty Value £3,821

| 1 | 013-533 | SECRET SERVICE (4) (Guy Reed) C Thornton 4 9 10 | Paul Eddery |
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| 2 | 1-23304 | OPERA BUST (6) (D) (B Tregurtha) Miss Gay Kelleway 5 9 8 | tine O'Nell (3) |
| 3 | 100-350 | DONT SHOOT FARRES (12) (Mrs Ceta Miller) C British 4 9 8 | |
| 4 | 652005 | JOHPAS ACT (USA) (40) (CD) Llack Brown D Haydn Jones 6 9 5 | |
| 5 | 3310-43 | FAHS (USA) (20) (BF) (City Industrial Supplies Ltd) R Alestural 4 9 3 | T Quien 1 |
| 5 | 0-641 | OLD BriSH (13) (Sheith Mohammed) L Current 3 8 12 | L Dettor! |
| 7 | 260341 | CUANGO (29) (D) (Berouche Stud Ltd) R Hollesheed 5 8 9 | F Lynch (5) |
| 3 | 4500-00 | MONEY (23) (Whiteways Recorg) Mayor D Chappell 4 8 4 | S Sanders |
| • | 004//00 | WESTERN DYNASTY (37) (CD) (M F Kentish) E Wheeler 10 8 3 | T Spraine |
| LO | 020-650 | GRANBY BELL (10) (H A Watton) P Hayward 5 7 13 | M Heary (5) : |
| | | - 10 declared - | • • • • |

BETTING: 5-2 Old Irish, 7-2 Opera Steff, 5-1 Febs, 6-1 Johns Act, 7-1 Secret Service, 8-1 Doub Shoo 1995: Johns Act (USA) 5 9 3 J Red 14-1 (D Haydn Jones) 11 ran

OLD IRISH could look a much better horse on this ground after wobbling all over the place at Salisbury last time. He would have beaten Hattaafeh far easier had he kept streight and as he had shown promise in maidens beforehand, he looks the type to improve further, Old Inter's rivals are fully exposed, which includes Fahe, who disappointed at Chester after his Newmarket fourth to Progression. Opera Boff was fourth at Newmarket and is now in a weakclose up in fifth at Newmarket, has flopped since, but has sire Vague Shot liked this type of ground. Johns Act made all for a five-length win from Dancing Sensation in this race last year. He wants this sort of ground and improvement off this favourable mark looks assured. though he may find Old Irish a bit too good for him. Secret Service doesn't look up to the task with his big weight, while Curango prefers faster ground. Selection: OLD IRISH

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HYPERION 6.45 Grand Lad 7.15 Tabriz (next best) 7.45 Bowlers Boy 8.15 Singapore Sting 8.45 Jaicanto 9.15 Arctild

GOING: Good.

STALLS: 5f, 6f & 2m - stands' side; remainder - inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers best in 1m races.

Right-hand course. A sharp track with tight bends.

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S12; Tattersalls SN: Siver Ring &4; Course £2 (accompanied under-16s free all enclosures). CAR PARE: Prec.

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BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Baroness Gold (7,15), Oxiole & Pow-er Game (7, 15), Secondment (9,15), WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Zambareer (8,45) won

6.45 LISHMAN, SIDWELL, CAMPBELL & PRICE MAIDEN (CLASS D) £5,500 2YO 5f

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Skengroude, 10-1 Honourable Folix, Ticketium, 12-1 Divide And Raio, 14-

7.15 RIPON THORPE PREBEND TRU-SKY 335150 LUCKY BEA (10) (0) M W Exsesty 9 1 _____Date Elbson 15 THE CODFELIOW N Bycont 9 1 ________ J Fortune 8 5 00 FISSOSTAR (238) M Dots B 13 J Carroll 28
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9 613250 SOCENY GRIL (87) C Womton B 10 Dome McLown T TOTALLY YOURS M Channon B 10 N N Derby B 10
10 530-05 CMS SHOT (23) W Mau 8 7 John Prierro Lapet 14 B 12
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7.45 DELOTTE & TOUCHE HANDICAP SKY 232-0 BOLLIN DOROTHY (12) T Excess 9 7 — 4000-10 WELLISA (24) J Bernell 9 5. — 3-35200 FRONTININI (2) T Bernell 9 4.\$ Buckley (7) 10

10 0-06330 FINISTERRE (11) J O'Neil 88. 52010-0 NYSTIC TIMES (25) (CD) Mes J Come 8 5 __N Com 25000-0 PRIME PARTNER (16) W Mur 8 3 ____

Minimum weight: 7st 10th. The handkap weight: Herist's Beau 7st 6th. BETTING: 5-1 Neh Majostic, 6-1 William, Hickieton Miss, 7-1 Iver's Deed, 8-1 Bollin Derothy, The Wad, 12-1 Napoleon's Rehtm, 14-1 others.

8.15 AMEC CIVIL ENGINEERING HCAP (CLASS D) £6,000 1m

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| 8.45 ST MARYGATE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 2m |
| 1 1130-32 EMBRYONIC (4) R Fisher 4 10 0 |
| 2 322-003 SER VICTOR (12) (D) J L Harts 4 9 13 |
| 3 06-021 OPAQUE (12) L Current 4 9 8 |
| 4 14-800 ANGLESSEY SEA VIEW (21) (D) A Brilley 7 9 7 LD Winglet (3) 2 |
| 5 /0/2/40 NUMBEREN (50) J Fracenti 8 9 4 |
| 8 2340-54 JULICANTO (16) (C) Mis M Reveloy 68 11 |
| 7 300-051 UNICEE DOUG (120 (D) Mrs M Raveley 5 8 8 K Dunley 3 |
| 8 5065-61 ZAMMARKER (7) (D) W Storey 582 (Sex)lone Wands (T) 6 |
| 9 024-400 GALLARDON (12) B ROOWel 7 7 13 |
| 10 2808 0 KADARI (20) (D) W Clay 7 7 10 |
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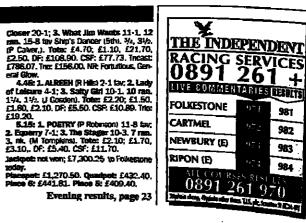
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Evening results, page 23



No sooner had India found a bowler than they lost a batsman-

The Texaco Trophy series which the end of the pinch-hit period was designed to smother the Indian usually gripping. With England desperate to recover their self-respect, it had an importance that eludes the average biff-bang contest. And, as it turned out, there was not much biff and even less bang.

All three matches were interrupted by rain and all the pitches favoured the seamers. England used two pinch-hitters, and one of them, Alistair Brown, made a hundred. This was magnificent - England's first oneday century in 16 matches - but it wasn't pinch-hitting. Brown's 118 occupied 137 balls; if he ever stayed in that long for Surrey, he would make 3th). England's score after 15 overs on Monday was un old-fashioned 48 for 2 As if it was not bud enough to be called a clown by the Times, poor Brown had the embarrassment of being praised for his maturity by Mike Atherton, Maturity? That's what Test matches are for.

even worse - 23 for 3 off 12 overs. This was the defining passage of the series. Being 23 for 3 is a long-standing English tradition. The normal procedure is for Atherton and/or Graham Thorpe to haul them out of the mire, leaving the last six batsmen to drag them back into it. This time, Thorpe battled through to the end, Matthew Maynard chipped in, Alec Stewart played like the senior pro he is, rather than the beginner he resembled on Thursday, and 23 for 3 became 162 for 4. England might not have done it

without a helping hand from the Indians. It's one thing to drop a catch, quite another not to go for one. In the 10th over, bowled by Venkatesh Prasad, India did both: Atherton was put down by Mohammed Azharuddin at second slip, and Thorpe offered an edge to the keeper, Nayan Mongia, which turned him to stone. England had other slices of luck. The dank weather could have been

spinners and to make England's seam attack seem attacking. Sachin Tendulkar totalled just 37 in his three innings, and only once, on Sunday, was he defeated by a bowler, with Dominic Cork delivering the perfect outswinger. On Saturday he was shot down by friendly fire (run out by Vikram Rathore); on Thursday by an unfriendly umpire - Ray Julian, who mistook Peter Martin's nipbacker for a boomerang.

You don't make your own luck, but you can either make use of it or not. Thorpe put that narrow escape, and others, out of his mind and slowly took command. The conditions may have assisted England, but they read them well, bowling six overs of spin to India's 39. The team was not quite un-

recognisable from the World Cup. Atherton continued to struggle with the bat: in his last 13 one-day in-ternationals he has averaged 12.



BEYOND THE BOUNDARY

fine competitor playing the wrong version of the game. Thorpe remained a quiet mainstay: he never failed, always looked for singles, took two wickets with his dinky seamers, and should have pipped the resurgent Chris Lewis to the England Man of the Series award. The role of the team with plenty

belief was taken by India. But not everything was bleak for them. On Thursday they had two bowlers whom England wanted to see off (Javagal Srinath and Anil Kumble), and several who could be milked. By Saturday the two had become three. Prasad started moderately but got better. Tall, whippy and adept at the leg-cutter, he looks the finished article. Yet he has never played a Test. He could be India's Cork.

No sooner had India found a bowler than they lost a batsman, unless Naviot Singh Sidhu can be persuaded to rejoin the tour. If he does retire, his last act in international cricket will have been appropriate: he walked rather than wait for the third umpire's decision.

England may be sorry to see him go. David Lloyd's research revealed that England had Sidhu caught at short leg three times in 1990. So the short leg went in on Thursday, Sid-hu braced himself for a going-over,

of talent but little spirit or self-belief was taken by India. But not length ball which bowled him. Having already earned his keep by putting a smile back on England's face. Lloyd was showing a fine grasp of detail. He could be England's Bob Woolmer.

Afterwards, Atherton played down the Lloyd effect, pointing out that England usually do well in home one-dayers. This was quite true, but not quite convincing. England were a different team, far more purposeful and positive. And Atherton was a different captain. For the first time, he was better in the field than at the crease. Asked a year ago if he would rather be remembered as a great captain or batsman, Atherton said "a great batsman".

His usual steel was accompanied by ingenuity. The one time the Indian batsmen were on top, he produced Thorpe, like a banana skin. He not only posted that short leg, but did the job himself. After Tendulkar got off to a flyer in the first Cricket Monthly

carth en for game by whipping Cork off his legs. Atherton greeted him with a deep square leg in the second, and restricted him to six runs in 19 balls. Last year, by contrast, when Brian Lara was late-cutting England to shreds, Atherton rejected a suggestion from John Edrich that he should post a wide third man, on the grounds that it was too defensive

A great opportunity awaits him now. After India, England face Pakistan, who are stronger but in similar disarray, Zimbabwe, the weakest Test team, and New Zealand, the second weakest. Even Ray Illingworth, whose remarks about Atherton tend to be edged with egotism, says that he is "becoming a good captain". He has vast experience: this time next year, bad back permitting, he will equal Peter May's record of 41 Tests as captain. He could be England's Allan Border.

Tim de Lisle is editor of Wisden

Glamorgan fall

short as Reeve

B&H CUP QUARTER-FINALS: Yorkshire cruise to an easy win while Warwickshire are taken to the brink

Surrey brushed aside by Byas

DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from The Oval Surrey 229 Yorkshire 230-1 Yorkshire win by nine wickets

Surrey's abject day with bat and hall was encapsulated with the last shot of the match. Michael Bevan hoisted a Brendon Julian delivery into the ionosphere to-

Elworthy turns feast into rout

DEREK PRINGLE reports from Old Trafford Gloucestershire 158 Lancashire 11-1

The toss was decisive, but not as much as the bowling of Stephen Elworthy, Lancashire's A seemingly benign dismissouth African replacement for sal, it opened the floodgates and Wasim Akram. In the space of in the space of eight overs his 10 allotted overs, he took Gloucestershire lost six wickets tour for 14, turning a game that started as a run feast into a rout worthy, who started his haul by as Gloucestershire were dismissed for 158 on another rain-

blighted day. In recent times, overseas players have been considered crucial to a county's fortunes. and before this game the hopes of Lancashire's supporters cannot have been raised by the inauspicious start from Elworthy. who was twice dropped from early B&H games.

However, if the tall 31-yearold all-rounder from Northern
Transvaal was left out on those beyond 8pm, Lancashire had 27 old all-rounder from Northern occasions to accommodate Glenn Chapple, yesterday he was preferred, and with some justification, too.

Brought on in the eighth over, after Peter Martin's atrocious opening spell had given Gloucestershire a roaring start - they were 50 without loss after 10 overs, Elworthy immediately gave his captain some have been a leg-side wide,

wicket. He ran in, appeared to have the situation and the ball well in hand, but spilled the chance and Bevan completed the two runs needed for victory. David Byas, the Yorkshire

wards David Ward at deep mid-

aptain, who had been subjected to jeets for not setting up a run chase in the rain-wrecked Championship match the pre-vious day at Canterbury, was this time the target of cheers as he

language was unprintable. By the 15th over, when the partnership was broken, Michael Vaughan had contributed 36 to the 94-run stand, he then square drove Joey Benjamin's fifth ball straight to Chris Lewis in the gully. It was the only bright spot for the rejuvenated England all-rounder, whose own bowling came in for a severe manling his eight overs realising 59 for the much-needed control by hitting Yorkshire cause.

went up to collect his first Gold Award after savaging a sorry Surrey attack for his first cen-

tury in the competition and his

highest one-day score.

Darren Bicknell must have

been an unhappy man. He failed to hold a fairly straightforward

chance at square leg when Byas was on 15. The bowler was

Martin Bicknell and his body

the pitch hard and bowling a Byas was contemptuous of everyone and everything. His A simple formula, it only started paying dividends fol-lowing lan Austin's dismissal of near three-hour innings contained 18 boundaries off the 103 deliveries he faced and he had Nick Trainor, a recent debutant, the satisfaction of sharing an unwho edged behind to Warren broken second-wicket partner-Hegg, the first of five catches by ship of 136 with Bevan. the Lancashire keeper.

Sir Lawrence Byford, the Yorkshire president, has had a chat with Sachin Tendulkar and further talks are planned with a view to persuading the Indian tor 25 runs, tour of them to Ellest batsman to return to the county next year; on vesterday's yorking Tony Wright, the visiperformance by the Australian tors' top-scorer with a beauty. Bevan, he will have a hard act There was little resistance to follow. Bevan's unbeaten 65 was his fourth successive Benfrom the middle-order apart from Jack Russell, who made it son and Hedges half-century look as if he was playing in a this summer and his sixth in a

snake-pit. Certainly there was total of eight Cup appearances. movement, but nothing outra-The savaging Benjamin regeous, and a 39-run last-wicket ceived at the hands of Bevan in partnership between Courthis 10th and final over was unney Walsh and Martin Ball believable - five fours, one off showed what could be achieved a no ball - which left his figures with the necessary graft. in shreds. And that was also an appropriate description of the

Surrey innings.

The big hitters were not so hot and the Surrey total was at minutes to bat - a daunting prospect in faltering light against someone as potent as least 70 too low. Alistair Brown Walsh. But as the lanky Jaand Graham Thorpe hit 40, but maican took an over or two to instead of great beginnings, it warm up, his new-ball partner, Andy Smith, struck in his first marked their end. over, removing the Lancashire captain, Mike Watkinson, with

There was a brief flourish from Lewis and Martin Bicknell. but losing the toss and having a hall that would have surely to bat on a pitch which offered the Yorkshire seamers a fair amount of help made their task next to impossible.



longer be welcome visitors at Sophia Gardens. Last year, they beat Glamorgan there in the Championship and the Sunday League before overwhelming them in the Nat West

HENRY BLOFELD

Warwickshire 239

Glamorgan 227

reports from Glamorgan

Warwickshire win by 12 runs

Warwickshire will soon no

semi-final Now, in the Benson and Hedges Cup, they pinched a victory from their hosts at the very last moment, which was a testimony to the result for of Dermot Reeve and his side. When Warmelshipe had reached 239 on a pitch with an awkward bounce it looked as if it would be a winning some with something to spare. This was im-

derlined when, in the 23rd over

of their innings, Glamorgan had sunk to 80 for 5. Reeve having taking 3 for 7 in 18 balls with his medium-paced all-sorts. Ottis Gibson now joined Matthew Maynard and in the next 22 overs they put on 136 with some lovely controlled hitting and made light of the conditions. Maynard began by dancing down the pitch to the ted carefully and with great first ball he received from sense, although there was one Reeve and driving it over mid- moment of destruction when he off for four. He was positive

managed to eliminate those

fashions revival have so often caused his downfall on important occasions. Gibson timed the ball well and his three straight-driven sixes were a delight. The running

between the wickets was good too, and when the 200 came up in the 44th over, a Glamorgan victory was looking a formality In the 45th over, Gibson came down the pitch to Shaun Pollock and flashed him in the air to Dominic Ostler at deep cover. In the next over, Darren Thomas skied an unwise pull off Gladstone Small to midwicket and in Small's next over came the decisive blow. Maynard played round his pad and was

lbw, although he seemed to think he had contact with his bat. Glamorgan's last two now had to score 19 for victory and it was too much for them. The came ended in the penultimate over when Doug Brown had Col-in Metson caught behind cutting, and penetrated Steve Barwick's sketchy forward push to the next ball which hit his off stump.

When Warwickshire batted at the start having been put in. Brown, who came in at the fall of the first wicket, played some powerful strokes, making 44 in 34 balls. The rest of the innings centred round Ostler, who batpulled Watkin over midwicket throughout his innings and yet for six. He received useful support from Reeve and Graham Welch and won the Gold Award.

Richard Stemp celebrates the fall of another Surrey wicket yesterday Photograph: Peter Jay moments of recklessness which **Bailey leads Northants by example**

reports from Northampton Northamptonshire 293-7 Kent 108-4

Three wickets in seven devas tating balls from Tony Penberthy and Kevin Curran in the gloaming made Northamptonshire favourites to reach the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals when this enthralling, although rain-affected match,

resumes today. Kent need another 186 from

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

29.1 overs to win, a tall order after Rob Bailey, the Northilar capacity. amptonshire captain, made 105 Ward reached a circumspect not out from 129 balls to become unbeaten 31 while those around a candidate for a remarkable him perished, notably Graham

fourth consecutive Gold Award. The phrase "pinch-hitter" is in vogue and so are the zealots doing it, although David Capel, with 63 from 45 balls, including 11 fours, prefers the label of aggressive opener to that of slog-ging technician. Matthew Fleming's 40 from 23 balls was scored from a similar fiery bat, but while Bailey sustained

Capel's launch, Kent are still

booming inswinger and Carl Hooper, caught athletically at

Nigel Llong was bowled by a perfect delivery from Curran and Kent's dazzling 56 without loss from five overs seemed like ancient history. Paul Taylor, punished for 35 from three

Cowdrey from Penberthy's

looking to Trevor Ward in a sim- overs, mostly by Fleming, dis-ness of Hooper and McCague. appeared from the attack, just as Martin McCague had faded into the outfield, and did not complete his allocation after Capel's ouslaught.
Bailey roared to a century with

a six over square leg off Flemmid-off by John Emburey, 43, ing midway through the final the chief coach turning theory into practice. ing midway through the final over of an immigs also featuring Mal Loye, Penberthy and Richard Montgomerie. Penberthy added 40 in five overs with Bailey for the seventh wicket, after Russell Warren and Montgomerie had been run out at the

Any cosy notions that North-amptonshire cherished about impregnability were dented by Fleming, whose 16-ball halfcentury against Yorkshire earlier this week was the fastest in Sunday League history. He was bowled middle and leg by a fulllength in-ducker from Curtly

Ambrose.

If Kent lose today, as seems probable, Northamptonshire, with nine straight wins in limited overs this summer, will have designs on winning this bowler's end through the sharp- trophy after a 16-year gap.

THE INDEPENDENT PLAY FORM CREAN IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER GET THE INDEPENDENT TOMORROW OR FRIDAY TO REGISTER FOR THE SPANISH GRAND PRIX AND YOU COULD WIN TICKETS TO SILVERSTONE PLUS OUR OVERALL CHAMPION AT THE END OF THE GRAND PRIX SEASON WILL **WIN A DRIVE IN A GRAND PRIX CAR**

Benson and Hedges Cup Quarter-finals (One day matches) Glamorgae v Warwickshire GARDEF: Warwickshire won by 12 runs. Glamorgan won bass WarwickShire: N M K Smith c Thomas b Wadun 3 N K Kright b Wattin 100 D R Brown b Butcher 44 D P Oster b Croft 85 T L Penney c James b Butcher 3 "D A Reeve st Metson b Barwick 26 S M Polloch run out 44 G Weich c Thomas b Barwick 24 A F Glies c Waden b Croft 9 G C Small run out 11 N J Piper not out 5 Fixer 15 - 232 3-68 4-92 5-143 6-151 7218 8-229 9-238. Score at 15 overst 66 for 2. Bouling: Wartin 10-2-35-2; Gabson 9-056-0; Tromas B-0-28-0; Barwick 60-21. 2; Croft 7-5-0-37-2; Barwick 10-0-49-2. GLAMORGAN Glamorgan v Warwickshire GLANGREAN S P tames c Piper b Politick H Marns c Piper b Reeve G P Butcher flyw b Small MP Mannad libw b Small P A Cottey c and b Reare R D B Craft c Piper b Reeve D B Craft c Piper b Reeve D B Story c Oster b Small S D Tromas c Oster b Small C P Merson c Boote B Small GLAMORGAN as (lb1 w10 nb6).

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Lancashire won toss

Lancashire v Gioucestershire

Score at 15 overs: 64 for 3. Bowling: Austin 10-0-41-2: Martin 10-2-49-0; Block of 10-4-14-4; Waterson 9.5-0-33-3; Yates 7-1-21-0. M A Atherton not out M Waterson not out Northamptonshire v Kent NORTHAMPTON: Kent, with ab wickets standing, require 186 runs off 29.1 overs to best Northamptonstire. Today: 11.0. Kent won toss NORTHAMPTONS ARE J E Emburey not out 9 Extres (b1 w6) 9 Total (for 7, 50 overs) 293 Falt 1-11 2-76 3-163 4-184 5-185 6-230 7-270. Did not bet: J P Taylor, C E L Ambrose.

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Extras (107 w5 rip4)

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M G Beven not out ... Extras (fb3 w2 rb8). Impires: K J Lyons and P Willey

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Andrew, A P Cowan, J H Childs.
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0.5-0-1-0.
Umpires: D R Shepherd and H D Brd.

SECOND XI CHANGIONSHIP (First day of three; today: 11.0: Bournessouth Sports Chit: Hampshire 95 (H R) Trump 4-1.4) and 12 for 0; Somesst 11.9 (J C Hallett 61). Southgate: Essex 333 for 9 dec (P R Shiw 11.8, B) Hyem 79) v Middlesex. Shretford Joseph Will Middlesex. Stratford upon Avon; Warwickshire 135 for 1 (W G Khan 73no) v Sussex.

> TODAY'S NUMBER 300m

The amount in (£130,000) that each Italian eyer will receive for victory in Euro 96. They will get 200m line for coming second but nothing if they do not

reach the final at Wembley

on 30 June.

Indian management fails to sway Sidhu

most experienced Test players, as decided not to reconsider his sudden decision to retire from international cricket, writes Derek Pringle. A meeting with the team's

management in Chelmsford failed to get him to change his mind, and he has packed his bags waiting for the opportunity to fly home. The problem, it seems, revolves around Sidhu's deteriorating relationship with his captain, Mohammad Azharuddin. Repeatedly dropped by Azharuddin from India's one-day sides, Sidhu feels he has been made a scapegoat for the side's indifferent results.

This is not the first time Sidhu has been involved in controversy. In 1988, he was involved in an early case of road rage, in which a man was killed. Charged with causing death by a rash and negligent act, the case was dropped by the Indian police a year later after a friend of Sidhu's - the car's driver -

was jailed for manslaughter. The controversy, however, lingers on and the victim's family are now pursuing a civil action against the Test batsman. It is a situation that has made it necessary for Sidhu to seek police permission to leave India

Navjot Sidhu, one of India's and come on tour. His sudden departure has left his team in a bit of a pickle, and they go into next week's Test match at Edgbaston without an experienced opening batsman. Instead of sending for another batsman, India have called up Salil Ankola, a seam bowler, though he apparently was already on his way before Sidhu decided to quit. He will join the party in Leicester on Saturday.

The acting captain Sachin Tendulkar, Vikram Rathore and Saurav Ganguly enjoyed some batting practice yesterday as India faced a depleted Essex attack on the opening day of their Tetley Challenge match at Chelmsford. The trio each scored half-centuries to help the tourists to 320 for 8 declared. Rathore led the way with 95, hitting four sixes among his 10 boundaries. Tendulkar followed with 74, but he will have been disappointed not to have reached three figures against an attack lacking Mark Ilott, who was rested, and deprived of

with 51 Essex scored one without loss from five deliveries before bad light ended play threequarters of an hour early.

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*McCarthy leaves door open for Keane's return

Football

ADAM SZRETER

Roy Keane was yesterday relaxing and watching the cricket between the showers at Old Trafford as Mick McCarthy was disciplining him after going ab-sent without leave from the Republic of Ireland squad.

The temperamental Manchester United midfielder has been dropped from Ireland's forthcoming tour of the United States after failing to turn up for McCarthy's testimonial in Dublin on Sunday and for tonight's friendly against Portugal at Lansdowne Road.

But McCarthy _missed earlier reports keane had been suspended and stripped of the captaincy. "It is rubbish to TIS Rec

"He has never been captain apart from when he took over n that one match from Andy [Townsend] — so how can he be stripped of the captaincy?"

Keane had apparently been on holiday with his girlfriend in Capri, but returned to Manchester yesterday to watch the cricket, rather than go to Dublin. Keane, who was sent off in McCarthy's first match in charge against Russia in March, finally contacted his manager

late yesterday afternoon. "T've had to make this decision now because we need to know where we stand for the summer," McCarthy said. "Now I want to see him and sort all this out

"If he turns up in the next day or two and he is fit, he could still be involved in the two games we have against Croatia on Sunday and Holland in Rotterdam next desire to play for his country.
If I see that I will deal with the situation again.

"I am not saying the door is still open to America for him because I've named my squad of 20 for that trip and Alan Kernaghan is coming with us in-stead of Roy. But things can

change. You can get knocks that make you change your plans. "The main thing, though, is that I need players who want to break their necks to play for their country. I have got to see that commitment from Roy like I've seen it from other play-ers. I have to pay respects to them in the decisions I make."

McCarthy has named two new caps in tonight's starting line-up - David Connolly, the 18-year-old Watford striker, and Villa midfielder Gareth Farrelly, who steps up from the Under-21 squad. Paul McGrath

through a hamstring injury and has been sent back to his club, Aston Villa, for treatment. Stuart Pearce yesterday

broke off from his Euro 96 preparations to agree a new contract with Nottingham Forest. The England left-back, who had a year of his current contract to run, has agreed a three-year deal which will take him up to the age of 37.

Liverpool have been spurned in an approach for utility player Jean-Christophe Marquet, who plays for former European champions Marseilles. Officials at the French club, newly pro-moted back to the First Division, said Liverpool had offered around £1.3m for the 23-year-old.

REPUBLIC OF BRELAND (v Portugal, Dublia, tonigat): Siven (Biackturn); Cunninghau (Wanbiedon), Korangina (Man City), Ken-nar (Biackturn), Ferning (Madiesbruga), McLoughilla (Portsmouth), Tournsend (As-

Fans flock to see Germans in Belfast

Germany in Belfast tonight in a friendly which has caught the imagination of the Ulster public. The Windsor Park "Kop" has been re-opened, allowing an extra 5,000 fans to be accommodated on the terracing. A crowd

Germany's coach, Berti Vogts, admits knowing little about Northern Ireland, who lost their last two friendlies at home to Sweden and Norway. However, he will need no reminding that the hosts boast a formidable record against his side: being undefeated in their last three meetings with two wins

Northern Ireland's manager Bryan Hamilton, who names his side today, said: "If we can't all be motivated for a game like this, we shouldn't be in the



Capriati made to feel old

Goram stakes his claim match. Next Sunday they play away to Peru in the World Cup,

₱HIL SHAW reports from Miami

Andy Goram comes face to face with Faustino Asprilla here tonight when Scotland, edging towards their tournament lineup in the last friendly before Euro 96, take on Colombia in the Orange Bowl. Goram, the Rangers goal-

keeper, is starting a game for Scotland for the first time since December 1994. He has since played only half a match, in Denmark last month, but his recall in place of Jim Leighton may well be a pointer to Craig Brown's preference for the finals.

The Scotland manager, ever reluctant to let forthcoming op-ponents know anything of his plans, would not be drawn on who would be his first choice in England, Given, however, that Brown previously stated his intention to play his strongest

Goram looks significant indeed. Judged solely on ability and technique, Goram would be an automatic selection, notwithstanding Leighton's record of six clean sheets out of six in the qualifying group. However, the former seems to need to feel right - he pulled out of a vital game with Greece last year pleading that he was not "mentally attuned" - and Brown is now ap-

parently satisfied on that score. Gordon Durie, Scotland's scorer and best player in the de-feat by the United States on Sunday, is troubled by a muscle spasm in his neck. Scott Booth is suffering from what Brown termed "fiery feet" (blisters), but they have emerged as the probable striking partnership and the management are anxious to use them in tandem again.

The Colombians, whose 0-0 draw in England last September provided Brown with his video viewing last night, are themselves

having opened their campaign with a 1-0 win over Paraguay. Asprilla, who escaped the

frayed nerves of Newcastle to score the winner, is expected to start tonight. Carlos Valderrama, still sporting hair like an exploding root vegetable, is also present, but Goram need not worry about Colombia's goalkeeper charging into his territory at set-pieces. Despite hitting a post with a free-kick against Bôlivia in March, Rene Higuita has not made the squad. SCOTLAND (probable): Gorson (Pargins); Calde-wood (Tottenham). Hendry (Bleckburn), Buyd (Celuc); Burley (Chelsee), McCall (Ronges), Mic-Allister (Lands), Collins (Celic); T McGlaby (Celic); Booth (Aberdaen) Darle (Rangers).

Craig Brown is to lead Scotland in their 1998 World Cup qualification campaign after accepting a two-year extension to his contract. The decision will be ratified on Monday when the full committee gets together at a meeting of the Scottish Foot-

Northern Ireland entertain of over 15,000 is expected.

and a draw to their credit.

the Australian Open in January, ended in a first round defeat by

Florencia Labat, of Argentina. If yesterday's result were not disappointment enough for Capriati, her hopes of defending the Olympic title in Atlanta in July are about to be dashed. Within days it will be confirmed that the Americans have not nominated her for a wild card as one of their four entries, Monica Seles, Chanda Rubin, Mary Joe Fernadez and Lindsay Davemort all

a triumph achieved shortly bebeing in the world's top 20. fore she succumbed to disaffec-According to the rankings, Capriati's defeat yesterday was tion with life on the tour and began to feature on the Florida not even a surprise. The Amerpolice files after a shop-lifting inican, who only managed to jog cident and drug possession. Yesterday, when Graf opened the computer's memory in March, is listed 38 places below

Yi at No 109. Nor was Capriati able to seek refuge in tales of misfortune on the important points. Although hitting spectacular winners from time to time, she donated 34 unforced errors to Yi, 11 of them double faults four of which occurred on game points. In the end it was as if she almost greeted defeat with a sense of relief. "My game was just not quite there," she said.

The former prodigy was beat-en 6-3, 7-5 by Jing Qiam Yi, a 22-year-old from Peking mark-How sad it was to compare the current Capriati with the confident, bubbly 14-year-old who was a semi-finalist here in ing her debut at Stade Roland her first Grand Slam in 1990 and

with her prodigious progress to the last four at Wimbledon and the US Open in 1991.

"Tve changed," she said, "I've just gotten older." In other words, she agreed, she allowed her emotions to affect her play nowadays. "I let them get to me. It's both physical and mental. It's not easy. The gap [in her career] makes a difference. I know it's going to take patience and determination to really work on getting to where I was or where want to be."

So there they were: Capriati, the American reared to be a champion who attracted \$1m in endorsements before striking a ball as a professional, and Yi, who says she was virtually dragooned into playing tenuis by a school-teacher at the age of eight and now hands all but 35 per cent of her prize money to the Chinese government and her national tennis federation.

"I had no choice about tennis." Yi said through an interpreter. "I was selected by a schoolteacher because I run fast. I had never seen tennis before, and I had to train for six hours every day, but I am happy playing it now."

She said she was nervous at the beginning of yesterday's match and also towards the end. when she knew she had a chance

Capriati had not played well: Too many unforced errors.

Yi's first recollection of watching tennis on television featured a match involving Steffi Graf, who continues to dominate the scene, injuries permitting. Although the champion's performance in defeating Neiland tended to be patchy she was pleased overall and appears to have rid herself of the poor form which plagued her recently during the Italian Open.

Her coach, Heinz Gunthardt, was absent from the Rome tournament, fulfilling a commitment conducting television interviews for the men's tour. "Maybe it would have helped if Heinz had been with me in Rome," Graf said.

Thomas Muster began his defence of the men's singles title in confident fashion, showing little trace of his ankle trouble in defeating the Dane Frederik Fetterlein, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

Greg Rusedski, the last remaining Briton, survived a marathon first-round match to defeat Grant Doyle, an Australian qualifier, 6-2, 1-6, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5. Doyle, ranked 233 places below Rusedski, double-faulted on the second match point. It was the first time that Rusedski, who now plays No 16 seed Michael Stich, has won over five sets.

Scotland get off to high-scoring start

Rugby Union

Scotland made a successful

start to their New Zealand tour yesterday with a comprehensive defeat of Third Division Wanganui at Cooks Gardens.

Scotland had almost all the on Friday night," Dixon said.

Ossession, and their coach,

The Scots other tour debutant ossession, and their coach, Richie Dixon, said that his side tried to play almost too much rughy". However, Dixon was

A rose by any other name

smelled as sweet to the Irish

yesterday as the 41ft Surfin'

McWilliam, weathered atro-

cious conditions and took the

big boat prize in the Rover

Series at Tarbert, Loch Fyne,

Howison's Local Hero, and de-

rivatives of it promise to dom-

inate the Commodores' Cup contest in the Solent in July.

being made to fight for their honour, the only man threaten-

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Tour Line

On a day when the Scots were

The same boat won its class last year, then sailing as Geoff

writes Stuart Alexander.

Shoes, in the hands of Johnnie

Graham Ellis, who should have played, withdrew from the team an hour before kickoff because of flu and his place was taken at hooker by Kevin McKenzie. "It was a big decision for him to make. I hope

was the full-back Stuart Lang, who, after missing three kicks in a nervous start, finished with pleased with a number of areas four conversions and two pen-of his side's performance, alty goals. A reverse pass by

> ing to spoil the Irish victory, Chris Bonar, was one of four to have his yacht dismasted by winds

> blowing steadily at 30 knots plus

and gusting to nearly 40. That

made him third overall as an-

other Irish boat, Roy Dickson's

The home team at least won class one, with Keith Law-

Cracklin' Rosie, took second.

rence's Playback putting in a

Irish land wild Rover series

Broughton at open-side flanker. from a set-piece move, Eric Whangerei to prepare for what Peters picking up from the base of the scrum before feeding his Bath club-mate Andy Nicol, who put the Scotland left wing in unopposed.

A try by Damian Cronin from his own line-out take and a conthat he will be fit for the game certed drive by the pack pushed the score along before Gra-ham Shiel released Craig Joiner for try number four. After the break, Peter Walton charged over from a penalty move, Peters took a pushover try and Andy Nicol completed the rout

notably the set-piece play, and Lang set up the second of Derek by scoring from close range. the efforts of the newcomer Nick Stark's two tries. The first came Scotland now move on to will be a far tougher match against Northland on Friday.

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A Remain, K Whale (capt), J Gutsell.
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Replacements: K Logan (Stifing Courty), R Erissens (Grovin) Scottshi, G Armathong (New-castle), B Remeick (Hawick), T Smith (Wat-sonlans), K McKenzie (Stiring Courty).

SPORTING DIGEST

MATTOMAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh 3 Houston 5; St Louis 2 Colorado 5; Chicago Cubs 1, Adams 9; Florida 6 Cincinnati 2; Montreal 3 San Diego 4.

Boxing

Henry Wharton, the former European title-hoker, is to face Stephane Nizard, of France, for his 10-round super-mid-deweight fight in York in two weeks time.

rence's Playback putting in a powerful performance.

ROVER SERES (Jarbert, Loch Fyna) Overall results: Class & 1 J McWilliam (Surfa; Shosa); 2R Decison (Crackin Rosie); 3C Bonar (Sereius; 7S). Class 2: 1 K Lawwarce (Piaybach); 2J Anderson (Ducison) Pooley); 3P Farley (Pinnochto). Class 2: 1 I and G Thomson (Sloop John T); 2S Moorhouse (Lumpin' Jack Flesti); 3 J Corson (Salamander XII. Class 3: 1 J Nestic (JHN); 2D McLeman (Fighwayman); 3G Hughes (Ming and a Prayer). Class 4: 1 A Durnet (Valtada); 2 P Watson (Patriander; 3 J Morgan (Fying Fish). Class 5: 1D Lyone (Superturnor); 2 G Alexan (Sounes); 3 A Harvey (Viga). Class 8: 1 R Perry (Revoked); 2 D Sharp (Sorne); 3 B Bocker (Southern Comfort). Medges 24: 1 M Lemnor; 2 R Pescoket; 3K State. Sonate: 1 S Goacher (Fire the Boot); 2D Clarie (Saraband); 3W Yosyih (Sawehsard).

TODAY'S FIXTURES Equestrianisms
WORLD THREE-DAY EVENT RANGINGS: 1 M
Todd (N2) 320pts; 2 A Nicholson (N2) 224; 3 B
Tag (N2) 21; 4 M Ren (Aus) 147; 5 D O'Connor (US) 134; 6 A Hoy (Aus) 130.

7.30 unless stated INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES Republic of Ireland v Portuga (at Lansdowne Road, Dublin) Northern Ireland v Germany Austria v Czech Republic (6.0) (et Lehen stadium, Salzburg) Estonia y Turkey (6.30) (at Kadriorg stadium, Tailinn)

Football

Italy v Belgium (ac Glovenni Zini stadium, Cremona) Netherlande v China (7.15) ds v China (7.15) (at Willem II stadium, Tilburg) Russia v United Arab Smirate

Rugby League STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Wigan y Shaffaid Eagles (7.30).

Rugby Union TOUR MATCH: Western Australia (11.30am) (at Perth).

7.30 unless stated
PREMER LEAGUE Poole v Scottish Monarchs SPEEDWAY STAR CUP Second round, first leg: Long Exton v Hull or Middlesbrough.

Other sports

DUON NEETING (France, Sunday) Selectad: Men 400ar: 1 D Grindby (63) 45,65ect; 4 M Richardson 46.10, 400ar 8 Rece: 2 G Bullock 46.20; 3 M Hylton 46.39. PRE FONDAME CLASSEC (Englana, Sunday) Se-bedock Men's 400ar 1.C Hanson (US)44.72sec; 2 R Black (66) 44.77.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Caldend 3 Boston 1.0; Toronto 5 Chicago 4 White Scot; Naness City 5 Detroit 4 (13 Innings); Texts 3 Geneland 2; Cal-ifornia 5 New York Yankees 15.

Basketball NBA pley-off: Eastern Conference fluxi: Or-lands 101 Chicago 106 (Chicago with best-of-seven series 4-0 to reach NBA final).

Cycling
TOUR OF ITALY (Arezzo to Preta, 164/tax/10.1.8miles) 10th Stage: 1.R Meas (t) Casaniche Rein 3tr Senin Stee or 41.583 (ph (25, 781 mph); 2.6 Furian (t) Seco + 44ec; 3 Foasgande (t) Seco same time; 4.6 C hisp-puol (t) Catters v(t. 5 A Diano (Se) Mapei at: 6 E Zene (q) Catters v(t. 5 A Diano (Se) Mapei at: 6 E Zene (q) Catters v(t. 5 A Diano (Se) Mapei at: 6 E Zene (q) Catters v(t. 5 A Diano (Se) Mapei at: 6 E Zene (q) Catters v(t. 5 A Diano (Se) Mapei at: 6 E Zene (q) Catters v(t. 5 A Diano (Se) Mapei at: 6 E Zene (q) Catters v(t. 5 A Diano (Se) Mapei at: 6 E Zene (q) Catters v(t. 5 E Zene (q) + 154ec; 6 E Zene (q) + 154ec;

Southport have promoted Steve Joel, who played for the GM Vauchall Conference club in their Football League days, from assistant manager to man-ager. Peter Davenport, their former Eng-land striker, becomes Joe's No 2. Moscow Torpedo have been suspended from all UEFA competitions for faileu norn all UEFA competitions for failing to pay an outstanding debt to Austrie's Vri3 Modling thet was compensation for the training and development of Andrel Kalaidries, of Russia, who played for the Austrians for one season in 1992-93 before returning to Moscow. Zimbabwe have drooned Detail Moscow.

in 1992-93 before returning to Moscow.

Zimbabwe have dropped Peter Nolowu, the Coventry striker, and his Switzerland-based brother Adam from the squad for Sunday's World Cup qualifier against Madagascar for turning up late to training.

ROMAMA SQUAD (Suropean Champlenship) Geallangers: Stales (Stream Bucharest), Prumes (Dinamo Bucharest), Teole (Raud Bucharest), Delongamp, Selenate (Jaches), Propiete (Jackes), Belondethi (Valerani), Propiete (Jackes), Bucharest, Mithal (Gurgamp), Salyana (Carle Brugal), Midfieldum: Salou (Baseda), Hage, Poperur (Dom Bergelond), Strige (Salounbucherst), Maios, Jile (both Second Bucharest), Maios, Jile (both Second Bucharest), Maios, Jile (both Second Bucharest), Resident (Valerati, Lucatus (both Maios, Leastus (both Maios

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Sue MacDoneld, the Glasgow Western striker who was the surprise omission from the GB Olympic squad, has been from the GS Olympic squad, has oeen called into the squad to replace Tam-my Miller in this evening's game against Australia at Reading at 7 pm. POUR NUTIONS TOURNAMENT (Chirole: Aus-rale 6 tothe 1; South Africa 1 New Zesland 2. Final placings: 1 Australia Git; 2 India 4pt; 3 New Zesland 2pt; 4 South Africa Opt.

Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent have pulled out of the Luceme in-ternational Regatta in Switzerland this weekend after both fell victim to a virus infection. The Ólympic and world cox-less pairs champions are among a num-ber of rowers from the Leander club affected by the bug. Rugby League

Widnes have signed the South African full-back, Jamle Bloem, even though he is serving a two-year suspension for drug abuse and will not be able to play until Mal Meninga, the former Australian captain, is to coach the Canberra Raiders next season. He has decided against a playing come-back after 18 months in retirement.

Rughy Union Rengry Limbon
Leigh Davies, the Wales centre, has been forced out of the opening metch of their Australian four against Western Australia in Perth today after aggrevating a calf strain in training, Dafydd James, of Bridgend, steps in 10 play on the left wing with Gareth Thomas switching to outside centre.

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JOHN ROBERTS

reports from Paris

Watching their contrasting per-

formances on separate courts at

the French Open here yester-

day, it was difficult to reconcile

had beaten Steffi Graf to win

the gold medal at the 1992

Olympic Games in Barcelona.

of the young American's career,

her defence of the French title

with a straight sets victory against

Larisa Neiland, of Latvia, on the

Centre Court, the 20-year-old

Capriati's latest comeback slithered to a halt on the clay of Court

No 10. Her first appearance in

a Grand Slam championship for

more than two and a half years

produced the same result as her

ast one at the 1993 United

States Open: a first round defeat.

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match in a Grand Slam tourna-

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2 J Martin (Horthumbrins); 3 F Geseves (Gloucs);
4 L Chamman (Susees) and C Jeckman (Nortols); 6 S Wegler (Hert).

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EVENING RACING RESULTS

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₩illie Carson's appeal against his five-day riding ban will be heard tomorrow. The hearing will take place at 2.30pm at the Irish Turf Club's headquarters at the Curragh. Carson is seeking to overturn a suspension which would prevent him from riding Bint alsabil in the Oaks at Epsom on Friday week. The five-time forme British champion was punished for wearing an unapproved helmet when winning the Irish 1000 Guineas on Matiya on Saturday. With the appeal hearing pending Carson was yesterday reluctant to say much about the episode but he indicated that he had been given inadequate warning by the Irish Turf Club's medical officer Walter Halley. "Walter Halley talked to the other jockeys in the weighing room but I was not privy to that, he said. "I don't want to go into my case before it comes up because that would only icopardise it. The Irish episode came just a week after Carson was banned for seven days for dropping his hands on Kamari at Lingfield and losing a race he should have won.

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3 Stuart Pearce

(Nottingham Forest)

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st: Solid but unspectacular.

Age: 34. Caps 65. Goals: 5.

White Rose in full bloom



5 Tony Adams

(Arsenal)

Age: 29. Capt No. 1 (1985), pace and technique, but none about heart, experience or presence. A leader of men who is comfortable with big occasions. Aware of his limitations and leave the ment them.

Forecast: Could end up captain

Age: 29. Caps: 40. Goals: 4.

FRENCH OPEN TENNIS

Graf quick to advance

6 Gareth Southgate

(Aston Villa)

Already beginning to show the same poise on the pitch as he does off it. Has settled well into international football, but is still learning and opportunities may be limited in this tournament.

cast: Ince's understudy.

10 Teddy Sheringham

(Tottenham)

Age: 25. Caps: 4. Goeis: 0.

EURO 96: Midfield takes the strain as England coach relies on attack and defence in his final squad for the tournament

Lee the victim of Venables' Catch 22

(Internazionale)

Emerging as England's crucial player, his buccaneering talents refined, and

ego tempered, in the pressurised world of Serie A in Italy. Has the opportuni-ty to establish a world reputation.

Forecast: England's best player on

ERRY VENABLES'

BOYS OF '96

Age: 28. Caps: 19. Goals: 2.

GLENN MOORE Football Correspondent



The last four contenders slipped by the wayside vesterday as EUF#96 England finally completed their long march to

the European Championship. Dennis Wise, Robert Lee, Ugo Ehiogu and Jason Wilcox left Heathrow Airport knowing that, like Peter Beardsley, their role in Euro 90 would be contined to that of spectator.

For the remaining 22 players on England's tour to China and Hong Kong there was only relief, their 13-hour journey eased by the knowledge that, on Sunday evening, they will be meeting again at Bisham Abbey to prepare for Euro 96.

There must have been some difficult goodbyes at Heathrow. Ehiogu and Wilcox have come late into contention and that will ease the pain of rejection. But Wise was in the second squad Terry Venables named, more than two years ago. He and Venables are relatively close. The only consolation for Wise, as he began to contemplate his summer, is that at the end of it his former club manager. Glenn Hoddle, will be coaching Eng-

There is no such straw to clutch at for Lee, the man who was described as the best midfielder in England by his club manager, Kevin Keegan, At 30, his England career, which began 19 months ago, could be over. His exit is a surprise - he has played in every England match for which he was fit this

The damaging absence was against China – Jamie Red-knapp appears, like Nick Barmby, to have won his place that night. Lee missed both that and the Hong Kong game with a muscle strain, as did Wise. That both should be dropped suggests that by the time of the latter match their injuries were more tactical than actual.

The Football Association normally provide cars to take their players home; one suspects Lee shared one car with Beardsley, while Steve Howey and Les-Ferdinand shared another. Both of the latter two would have been relieved not to have quick word".

Howev was not even due to travel to China. He came in late when Mark Wright dropped out and has still to prove his fitness. Venables, incidentally, made one last telephone call to Wright at the weekend to see if there was any chance of including him.

"I know I'm lucky to be in. but only because of my injury problems." Howey said, "If I hadn't spent so much time out of action, I'm certain I would have been picked automatically. I know I can get myself into shape. I'll train with Derek Wright [the Newcastle physio] tomorrow and Thursday, and go down to London on Friday be-

ACROSS

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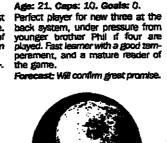
(Arsenal) Age 32. Caps: 24. Goals: 0. Established himself as clear first choice. Calm, safe handler, brave. Capable of bankshing mamories of Gascoigne at Wembley, Bergkamp in Rotterdam and Nayim in Paris. Forecast: Will prove one of the tour-nament's best.

8 Paul Gascoigne

(Rangers)

Ambilion: to recapture the spirit of Italia 90. England's great hope, the one who could make the difference. Fitness and attitude improving; can he still do it?

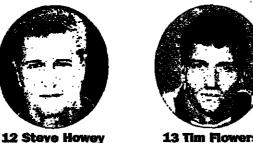
Age: 29. Caps: 38. Goals: 7.



(Manchester United)

9 Alan Shearer

(Blackburn) Age: 25, Caps: 23, Goals: 5. The man in possession despite not scoring for England for 20 months. Still leads the line well, but needs goals to prove he can do it against international defences. needs greater support - must survive Forecast: Will survive drought scotland game.



13 Tim Flowers (Blackburn Rovers)

Age: 24. Caps: 4. Goals: 0. Age: 29. Caps: 8. Goals: 0. Fitness is a worry, especially with such an inexperienced player. Very promising player with a cool head and developing technique, but his Eng-Erratic Limbro Cup and poor start to the season cost him the chance of being No 1. Now under challenge from Walker. Good shot-stopper, land football education is still in the usually even temperament. Forecast: Warming the England bench.



(Newcastle)

16 Sol Campbell (Tottenham)

Age: 21, Caps: 1. Goals: 0. Ability to play in variety of positions got him in squad, but "jack of all trades, master of none" uncertainty has slowed his progress into the team. Strong and grited, but does he know enough? Forecast: Probably wanted only in



(Liverpool)

Age: 24. Caps: 10. Goals: 0. Frustrating - or frustrated? Not allow the freedom he enjoys at Liverpool but given his predictability - cuts inside on to right foot every time - could he justify a place on dribbling alone? Forecast: Peripheral impact on the tournament.

Tuesday's Solutio

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fore the rest of the lads for some

more work." The Newcastle defender, who struggled in the early stages of Sunday's game against Hong Kong, added: "After about seven minutes I was taking in water, but I got my sec-

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

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King and I (6) 25 Bank allowances about to ond wind. At half-time Terry In the end. Venables chose both Ferdinand and Robbie asked me how I was feeling and

Fowler, presumably on the ba-sis that it was too risky to have I said my hamstring was tight-ening up a bit. He told me: 'That's to be expected. But just one alternative to Shearer. don't be a hero. Have another That meant something had to quarter of an hour and I'll give, and it appears to be on the In omitting Wilcox and Wise,

that Alan Sugar's one-time ban on Venables visiting White Hart Lane was less damaging than they feared. No other team provides more than three: the have only two, the Neville brothers although, to be fair, al-most half Alex Ferguson's team were not available to Venables

Venables has lost two of the best crossers. Wilcox's omission also means there is no left-footed winger in the party - the surviving wide men, Darren Anderton, Steve McManaman and Steve Stone, are all right-Anderton is one of four Tot-

18 Les Ferdinand

(Newcastie)

Venables took a long time to give him

his chance, and he has vet fully to take

it. England's style of play may not be suited to him, but he will worry timo-

fenders and goalke

Forecast: Whether he gets off the bench depends on Shearer.

Age: 29. Caps: 10. Goals:

tenham players, which suggests champions, Manchester United. on grounds of nationality. With

Barmby also included, the chant of "England Hotspur" could be

Only four of the party have playing experience of a European Championship: Stuart Pearce, David Platt and Alan Shearer were in Sweden in 1992, Tony Adams played in Germany four years earlier. Paul Gascoigne also has tournament experience from Italia 90. Their know-how will be vital in the coming weeks as the attention and pressure intensi-

19 Phil Neville

(Manchester United)

Only teenager in party, and began the season in United's youth team.

Better going forward than his brother Gary, but inexperienced in the new

system. Only capped on Thursday. Fine temperament.

Forecast: Will respond well if required.

Age: 19. Caps: 1. Goals: 0.

It is a youthful squad, only David Seaman, Pearce and Teddy Sheringham are over 30, half are under 25 with Phil Neville

just 19. Venables did not go into detail about his choices, but did say: "I have always said who to leave out would be the most difficult decision of my footballing life. It has been, but professionals have to take difficult de-

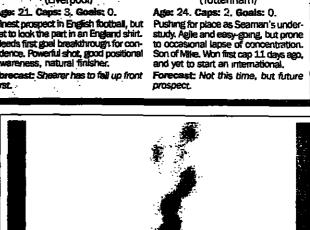
out have been unfortunate. The 22 gives a squad of quality, versatility, flair and, above all, a squad which believes in itself. Over more than two years a real unity of purpose has grown up.

20 Steve Stone

We want to win for everyone. Can they? Yes, along with about 10 other countries. It is a decent squad with genuine po-tential but there are question marks. Can Gascoigne dominate opponents as he did six years ago? Will the centre of defence hold? Will the forwards

ever start scoring? Seaman, Paul Ince and Sheringham are likely to be the most sistent performers. Barmby. McManaman or Fowler could establish themselves as international stars. Anderton

probably will. It has taken Venables two and a haif years, 19 internationals and 46 capped players to get to this stage. The next five weeks will determine how his reign as England coach will be remembered. A nation expects.





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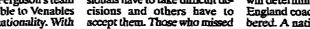


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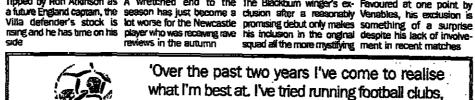


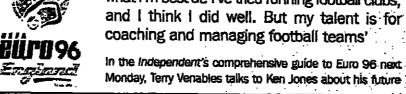


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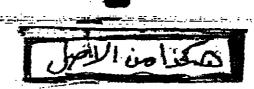




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(Arsenal) Age: 29. Cape: 58. Goels: 27. Long-time captain whose position in-creasingly appears to rely on his phenomenal goal-scoring record. Passing lacks inspiration, but his experience and composure remain valuable assets. Forecast: Early goals or he may be 11 Darren Anderton in the second

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(Tottenham)" "". Age: 24, Caps: 11. Goals: 5. Venables' first new cap; he settler

(Liverpool)

Age: 22, Caps: 4. Goals: 0.

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pleyer and mature attitude on the field.

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e: 30. Caps: 15. Goals: 2 The ugy duckling has matured to be-come England's most important striker. in to the manor born. Recovery from persistent injury is a massive bonus. Proof that speed of thought is more im-portant than fleet of foot at international level. Good passer for a striker. centre; a maker and taker of goals. Forecast: One of the stars of the tour



14 Nick Barmby (Middlesbrough)

April 22. Caps: 6. Goods: 2 tate brace against Chine sealed his place and ended the international career of his loot and mentor Pater Beardsley Difficult domestic

Beardsley. Difficult domestic season but always impressed during England



(Nottingham Forest) Age: 24. Caps: 6. Goals: 2. Not as gifted as Anderton but took to the international game almost as well. Unfazed by step up, though poor tour raised questions after long season. Hard-working and a developing eye for goal. Forecast: Will not let England down



(Liverpool)



ge: 21. Caps: 3. Goals: 0. Priest prospect in English football, but yet to look the part in an England shirt. Needs first goal breakthrough for confidence. Powerful shot, good positional Forecast: Shearer has to fall up front



(Tottenham)

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